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Otaiba in Iraq after visit to Saudi Arabia

BAGHDAD, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—United Arab Emirates (UAE) Petroleum Minister Mana Said Al-Otaiba arrived in Iraq Tuesday from Saudi Arabia for talks on coordinating oil policy before the forthcoming OPEC conference.

Kingdom, Kuwait to raise cooperation

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have agreed to establish a joint council for coordination between the two countries in various fields, according to a Kuwaiti newspaper "Al-Rai Al-Am."

the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), Saddam Hussein.

Dr. Otaiba, who is touring OPEC states, said the messages dealt with coordinating the two countries' oil policies as well as those of other OPEC members.

OPEC members hope to agree over the question of losses incurred because of the fall of the value of the U.S. dollar, he added.

However, Otaiba was quoted by the Saudi Press Agency as saying after meeting Saudi leaders, that he hoped the Abu Dhabi conference would also "reflect the OPEC states' sense of responsibility and understanding for international, economic and political conditions."

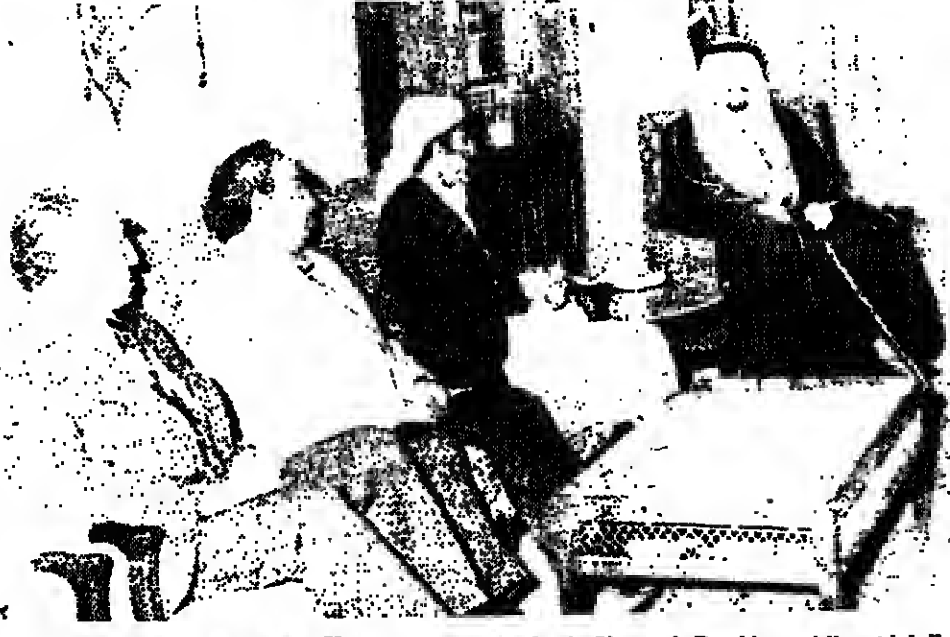
Otaiba arrived in Riyadh Tuesday and delivered a verbal message from Sheikh Zayed to King Khalid. He said that he reviewed with the King and Crown Prince Fahd the results of his tour of other OPEC countries which he described as encouraging.

"The leaders of these states, understand the position of the Kingdom and the U.A.E. and expressed their willingness to cooperate with them in oil matters," he said.

Discussing the dollar, Otaiba said OPEC countries are "very concerned" about its stability and added: "We welcome and support President Carter's effort to strengthen the dollar as it is the principal medium of exchange and the main market for investing OPEC's revenues."

Otaiba said that "Islam urges moderation and 'if we apply this principle we should be able to come out with positive results on oil prices which is the main issue before the OPEC conference.'"

Earlier in Abu Dhabi Otaiba said "it is difficult to speculate on the future of oil prices."



YEMENI VISITOR: King Khalid receiving North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh (second to right) Tuesday.

Received by Khaled N. Yemen leader starts visit

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA)—North Yemen President Col. Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived here Tuesday on a private visit, his first abroad since becoming president last June.

He was received at the airport by King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd and other top officials. The president was accompanied by his foreign minister Abdullah Asag.

Later in the evening President Saleh called on King

Khalid and presented him with a golden sword. Those present included Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Dr. Rashad Pharoan, special adviser to the King, Dr. Mohammed Al-Milhoh, minister of state for cabinet affairs and Sheikh Abdul Rehman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs.

Later Tuesday, ruler of Ras-Al-Khanna, member state of

the United Arab Emirates arrived to Riyadh to visit King Khalid. He was received at the airport by Prince Sultan, deputy governor of Riyadh, Sheikh Saqr bin Mohammed Al-Qassim called on King Khalid at his palace in the evening. King Khalid gave a dinner banquet in honor of the Yemeni president which was attended by Sheikh Saqr, who left Riyadh later in the evening.

Drastic drop reported in Iran oil production

TEHRAN, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—Iran's daily oil production, keystone of the country's economy, dipped below 3.5 million barrels Tuesday as a strike by oil workers opposed to the Shah spread, well-placed sources reported.

That is just above half the normal daily output of six million barrels. The sources said

production was expected to continue falling as the Shah's foes tightened their squeeze on Iran's economic jugular vein.

The oil industry was only just recovering from a crippling 15-day strike last month when the fresh walkout began Monday following the Shah's most vociferous foe, to his followers to strangle Iran's weakened economy by paralyzing the oilfields.

Thousands of heavily armed troops backed by armored vehicles prowled Tehran's flash point bazaar section Tuesday amid fears that militant opponents of the Shah planned a major confrontation in the streets after three days of violence.

The capital was quiet Tuesday, but there were unconfirmed reports that police uncovered an underground grenade factory in the city and seized some weapons.

There was no immediate confirmation from Tehran's martial law administration. But the reported seizure followed the discovery of several arms caches in the capital and other cities in recent days and at least two shootouts between gunmen and police.

Reliable sources also reported that a religious leader, Sheikh Abu Afsuri, was shot dead in a gun battle with police officers trying to arrest him Monday night in the Gulf port of Bushahr. The sources said a police officer was also killed.

Vance due in Cairo Friday on peace bid

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is to visit Egypt Friday for a meeting with Egyptian leaders on the latest developments in the Mideast peace talks, the official Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported Tuesday.

The agency said in a dispatch from Washington that Vance is to fly to Cairo directly from London cancelling his attendance at a NATO-meeting in Brussels.

Vance also is due to visit Jerusalem for a meeting with Israeli leaders, the agency said.

Vance has held several sessions in Washington over the past few days with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil but there have been no signs of a breakthrough over the opposing demands of Egypt and Israel on a draft peace treaty.

The decision on the Vance trip was made within the last 24 hours. On Monday, U.S. sources denied that Vance had any plans to fly to the Middle East.

The trip is an attempt to break the deadlock on two major issues that have stalled the talks for over three weeks.

The Israelis and the Egyptians disagree over the question of linking the peace treaty to the wider question of a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

The two sides are also in sharp disagreement on how the treaty will affect Egypt's treaty obligations to her Arab allies.

An American formula for compromise on these two issues, diplomatic sources said, will consist of separate letters from both sides.

A letter from Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin concerning the peace negotiations with Egypt was delivered to the Egyptian government Tuesday, a foreign ministry official said.

The letter was given to Vice President Hosni Mubarak by U.S. Ambassador Hermann Eilks, the official said.

The Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported that Mubarak then went to see President Anwar Sadat.

Foreign ministry officials said earlier that the message would be studied by a top-level committee headed by Mubarak in the hope that it contained positive elements.

The panel also includes Defense Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali and Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Osama Baz.

All three were recalled from Washington when the peace treaty talks ran into trouble over the Palestinian question a few weeks ago.

Prime Minister Khalil made clear during his talks in Washington that Egypt was still insisting on the linkage issue and specific dates for Palestinian self-rule, the influential "Al-

Egypt cuts ties with Bulgaria



SURROUNDED EMBASSY: Security forces surrounded the Bulgarian Embassy building in Cairo Tuesday after embassy employees attacked the wife and daughters of a senior Egyptian official. (Wirephoto)

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—Egypt broke diplomatic relations Tuesday with Bulgaria after a row over the intrusion of Egyptian riot police in the Bulgarian Embassy complex here, the Middle East News Agency announced.

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry statement carried by the official news agency said: "Egypt has decided to sever diplomatic relations with the Bulgarian Socialist People's Republic."

used for their embassy.

A crowd had gathered Saturday to protest Bulgarian Embassy attempts to evict the Egyptian family who had long refused to sell their apartment and leave the four-story embassy building.

Housing is at a premium in this city of eight million and disputes are common between landlords and tenants, but this is the first such row known to have involved a foreign embassy.

The Bulgarian ambassador to Cairo Georgi Vladikov protested that the sanctity of his embassy had been "invaded" and the official Bulgarian news agency said Vladikov would be called home in protest.

However, Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman Salah Hindawi said throughout the day that there was no "political crisis" and a formal break in relations was unlikely.

The Middle East News Agency reported the doors of the embassy building located in a fashionable neighborhood on an island in the Nile had been sealed with red wax on orders of Cairo's Attorney General Mahmoud Selimi. Armed police guarded the grounds.

The news agency said Nini Taher and her two teen-aged daughters, who had been the only remaining civilian tenants in the building, had been allowed to return to their apartment.

Relations between Egypt and the Soviet bloc nations have been steadily deteriorating since President Sadat threw out 15,000 Russian military advisers in July 1972.

Late last year, Sadat ordered closed Soviet and East European cultural centers in Cairo after accusing the Eastern bloc countries of trying to stir unrest in labor unions and schools.

Despite the "has decided" wording the meaning of the announcement, knowledgeable observers said, was that relations had been cut.

On orders from President Anwar Sadat, riot police armed with automatic weapons entered the embassy complex Monday and arrested a Bulgarian national who was accused of firing pistol shots to disperse Egyptian demonstrators.

The dramatic confrontation climaxed a long simmering feud between the Bulgarians and an Egyptian family which refused to give up their apartment in the building the Bulgarians

Sarkis chairs meeting of Arab tripartite body

BEIRUT, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—President Elias Sarkis Tuesday chaired a meeting of a tripartite Arab committee to discuss a comprehensive security plan for Lebanon as sniping flared between Syrian and rightist positions in the southeast suburbs.

The meeting of the Arab follow-up committee, grouping the Saudi and Kuwaiti ambassadors in Beirut and a Syrian representative, took place at the presidential palace near Beirut.

The follow-up body was recommended by a conference of Arab foreign ministers in the summer resort of Beiteddin last October to help Sarkis in the implementation of Arab resolutions calling for disarmament of the various factions in Lebanon, as well as strengthening of the army and bolstering the authority of the central government.

Beirut newspaper said the main problem facing the committee was who to disarm first—the Lebanese rightist militias or the Palestinian commandos.

The independent daily "An-Nabaa" quoted diplomatic

sources as saying that unless new initiatives were successfully undertaken, the current ceasefire would not last more than two months.

The Arab follow-up committee meeting lasted nearly two hours.

Prime Minister Salim Hoss told reporters the meeting had been "positive" but that no decisions would be made public unless "tangible results" were achieved.

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Omani group greets Khaled

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — An Omani government delegation headed by Sheikh Thawaini ibn Shehab, an adviser to Sultan Qaboos, arrived from Muscat Tuesday to congratulate King Khaled on his recovery from recent heart surgery.

The Omani delegation later met the King at the Muzar Palace and conveyed to him a message from Sultan Qaboos. Next Sunday, King Khaled will open a new hospital and club for the Armed Forces here, Gen. Othman Al-Humaid, the chief of staff said Tuesday.

A large ceremony is planned to mark the completion of the project — one of many designed to raise medical, social and intellectual standards in the Armed Forces, Gen. Humaid said.

Ministry gives go-ahead for six new factories

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The Technical Bureau of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity announced Tuesday it had approved licenses for six factories in Qasim, Dammam, Riyadh and Wadi Fatima with a total value of SR 30 million.

The Qasim projects are a refrigeration and cold storage plant in Wadi Akhdar, with a capacity of 3,200 tons a year (SR 3 million); an assembly plant for lippers and agricultural equipment in Buraidah, (SR 9.86 million) and an ice-making factory, also in Buraidah, producing 10,800 tons a year (SR 2.5 million).

The other factories approved Tuesday are a bagging factory in Dammam, producing 315,000 bags a year (SR 10.8 million); a factory for polystyrene boxes for storing food (SR 3.87 million) and an automatic bakery



QABOOS' ADVISER: King Khaled during his meeting Tuesday with Sheikh Thawaini ibn Shehab, an adviser to Sultan Qaboos.

Awqaf minister awards SR217m housing scheme

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi Tuesday signed a contract SR217 million for the construction of four commercial and residential centers on endowment lands in Medina. The project is to be completed in three years.

Ministry gives go-ahead for six new factories

in Wadi Fatima, with a capacity of 1,650 tons a year (SR 1 million).

The bureau said it had cancelled a number of licenses which had not been taken up within the ministry's deadline.

Endowments (awqaf) are trusts in the form of property and real estate, the revenue from which is managed by the ministry for charitable purposes.

Apartments in the centers will be distributed to middle-income and poor residents in Medina by public auction, the minister said at the contract signing. A similar award will be made shortly for construction on awqaf lands in Jeddah, he added.

Dammam industry zone RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Tuesday signed a SR7,312,000 contract for clearing work and site levelling for the new industrial estate outside Dammam.

Local Briefs

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — The foreign minister of Niger arrived in Jeddah Tuesday to perform the out-of-season Pilgrimage in Mecca.

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saghab, assistant secretary general of the Muslim World League left for Geneva to attend meetings of the Islamic cultural foundation.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — The Supreme Council for Higher Learning is scheduled to meet here in two months' time to approve a working paper for

submission to the meeting of general council of Arab education ministers in April next year.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — King Faisal Air Academy next Tuesday will celebrate the graduation of its 16th class of pilot cadets. Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, will preside.

● JEDDAH, (SPA) — The new ambassador of Mali Tuesday presented an advance copy of his letters of credence to Salem Surbul, chief of protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Crop increase is Islamic priority, expert says

By Farouk Lugman

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — The chairman of the advisory council of the fledgling Islamic Science Foundation, which met for the second day here Tuesday, has said that Muslim countries should concentrate on increasing food production rather than import expensive technology wholesale from the West.

Dr. Abdul Moneim Abdul Azm, president of Egypt's Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, said that Muslim countries, "have vast potential for agriculture and graz-

ing that is scarcely tapped."

Two hundred million acres in Sudan and 300 million in Iraq could be exploited with "a little effort and investment," providing jobs locally and food exports for other Arab countries.

With each acre returning between \$20 and \$30 a year, "the net income would be between \$6 and \$9 billion," he said.

Expensive Against this, he said, Arab countries are importing indus-

trial technology and paying twice, perhaps more, what buyers in producing countries pay. Muslim countries should cooperate in their purchase of technology — possibly through a data bank at the foundation, linked to information centers on scientific research and technology in Europe and the United States. The advisory council, which winds up meetings Wednesday morning, has earmarked preliminary 50 million for research and the establishment of technical industry, in Muslim world.

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Russia, Afghanistan sign friendship pact

MOSCOW, Dec. 5 (R)—The Soviet Union strengthened its position in a strategically vital part of Asia Tuesday by signing a friendship treaty with its southern neighbor Afghanistan.

The accord was signed in the Kremlin by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Afghanistan's leftwing leader Jof Muhammad Taraki, who took power in a coup in April.

No details of the treaty were immediately available, but it was thought likely to resemble similar documents the Kremlin has signed with other third world countries.

Fromyko meets South Yemen counterpart

MOSCOW, Dec. 5 (AP)—South Yemen's Foreign Minister Muhammad Salih Muti met on Monday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, Tass said.

The Soviet news agency said that during the session, "deep views were exchanged on questions of bilateral relations and the situation in the Middle East."



ISRAELI PEACE: Two women relatives amid the rubble of the house of Akram Hamid, in the occupied West Bank town of Silwad, blown up by Israeli troops Monday. Hamid is in prison for his alleged role in the killing of a collaborator with the Israelis. (Wirephoto)

Hussein to visit W. Europe

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (R)—King Hussein of Jordan is expected to begin a tour of several European countries later this week to explain Jordan's position on a possible peace settlement in the Middle East, officials said Tuesday.

They declined to name the countries included in the king's tour, but said it would start with a visit to France.

The king is also expected to visit Italy and The Vatican where he would meet Pope John Paul II, before going to the United States for talks with President Carter early next year.

King Hussein, will also explain the Arab point of view on any comprehensive peace settlement in the region, the officials added.

Jordan's position is that a just and durable peace should be based on total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and on a recognition of Palestinian rights.

It has rejected the Camp David accords because it says they do not provide a sound basis for a just and comprehensive solution.

PLO supports convening Islamic summit meeting

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA)—A Palestinian official has expressed support for the convening of an Islamic foreign ministers conference.

The conference would pave the way for an Islamic summit at which the Muslim world can play a role in liberating Jerusalem and confronting the dangers arising from the Camp David agreements between Egypt and Israel.

Khaled Al-Hassan, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization Central Committee, also reiterated the PLO's rejection of the Camp David accords and its outcome including self-rule which "will not lead to the establishment of the Palestine state."

In an interview with "Al Riyadh" newspaper Tuesday, the Palestinian official said: "Had there been honesty on the issue of self-rule, Israel should withdraw completely from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and dismantle its settlements, with the United Nations later taking over these territories and supervising an election among local citizens so that they can decide how to rule themselves."

Al-Hassan lauded the significance of the Jordanian-Palestinian rapprochement achieved after the Baghdad summit. He called for Palestinian integration with Syria, Iraq and Jordan to create a strong starting basis backed by the new Arab position.

The Palestinian official denied that contacts have been made with the Egyptian government. He also denied any American-Palestinian contacts through the U.S. administration, declaring the PLO's readiness for a direct dialogue with Washington without any conditions.

Al-Hassan affirmed that the Palestinian commando groups are determined to escalate operations inside the occupied Arab territories with all their power.

Between Egypt, Israel

Cultural wall opens crack

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (AP)—The cultural wall between Egypt and Israel has opened a crack despite the impasse in political negotiations for peace. Two Jewish doctors this week became the first Israelis to participate in an international convention here.

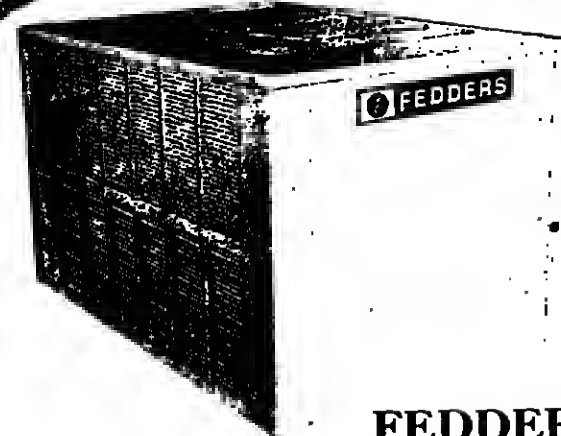
"It is a wonderful experience to be here and exchange ideas," David Ser, head of Tel Aviv's Hashomer Hospital Obstetric Department, said in an interview Tuesday.

"I hope our politicians get everything sorted out soon because it would be mutually

useful for us to discuss and find solutions to the medical problems that prevail in the Middle East. There are many," he added.

Ser and Yousef Shenkar of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital are attending the 10th international conference on toxicity and pregnancy.

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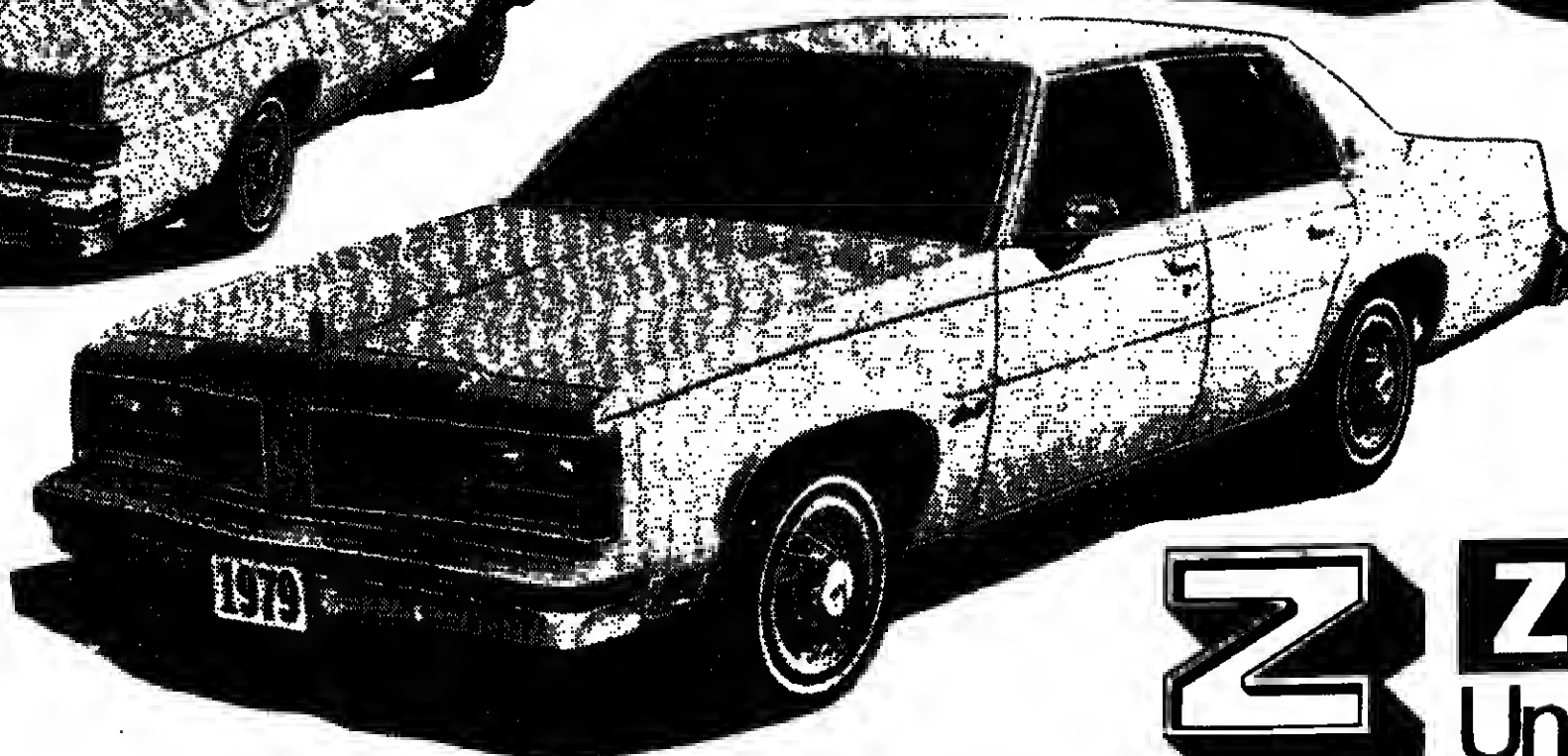
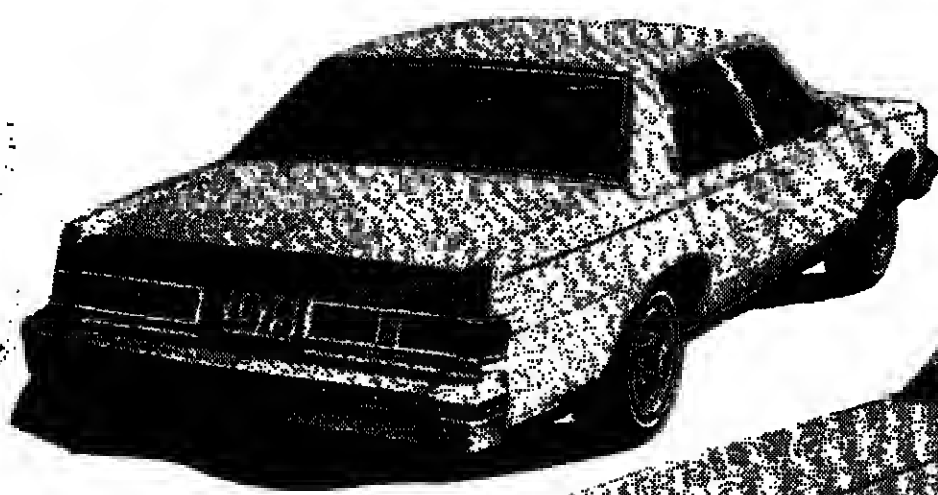
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New San Francisco chief 9th woman mayor in U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein, who tearfully announced the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk last week, has been named to become San Francisco's first woman mayor.

Hoax
A phone call interrupted her first press conference, President Jimmy Carter on the line, she was told.

For three minutes, she talked. It was a "routine, good luck, god-bless-you kind of conversation," her press secretary said.

But as she hung up, the mayor said, "I don't think that was Jimmy Carter." She had met the president and the cal-



Don White, suspect in mayor's slaying
her's accent, she said, sounded "a little stiff."

Her suspicions were soon confirmed. Another call arrived—this time from the real White House. The congratulatory call was from Carter Aide Jack Watson.

Watson represented Carter last week at the funerals of Moscone and Milk, assassinated in their city hall offices Nov. 27.

The hoaxer's identity was unknown.

Ninth Woman
One of her first duties will be to appoint three city supervisors—one to replace herself, one to replace Milk and one to replace former Supervisor Dan White, who recently resigned and has been charged with the killings.

Ms. Feinstein, 45, is the ninth woman in the country to run a city with a population over 100,000. Only women mayors in San Antonio, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona have larger constituencies.

Venus probe prepares to photograph

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. Dec. 5 (AP)—The lead spacecraft in a 225-day probe of Venus orbited the cloudy planet Tuesday, its sensitive equipment poised to relay photographs and meteorological data to scientists here.

The 1,250-pound Pioneer Venus I, shaped like a coffee can, slipped into its oval-shaped orbit around Venus at 1556 GMT Monday to the cheers of controllers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center.

The craft is part of a \$225 million effort to chart Venus' surface. Scientists hope the mission will yield clues to the origins of Earth's climate and environment.

Utah high court stays two executions

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Utah State Supreme Court stayed the execution of convicted killers Dale Pierre and William Andrews, 64 hours before they were to face a firing squad.

The state's highest court, in a 4-1 decision, Tuesday agreed to hear an appeal of the convictions. Defense attorneys contended issues involving race and capital punishment were not previously considered.

Attorneys for the two black men argued the court should consider the racial issue because a trial juror was handed a note saying, "hang the niggers."

The defense attorneys said the trial judge should have questioned jurors' feelings after the note was passed.

"In this case, the two are black and the victims are white, and we submit it is that type of imposing of the death

penalty that warrants looking into," said defense attorney Gil Achay. Pierre and Andrews were

convicted of the torture slayings of three persons during a 1974 robbery in a Ogden, Utah, music store.

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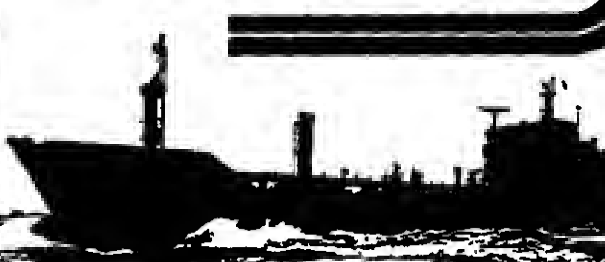
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Young blacks said rounded up for forced Rhodesia farm work

SALISBURY, Dec. 5 (UPI)—White missionaries said Rhodesian authorities in martial law zones are rounding up black male students and sending them off to work on white farms so that they will not join bands of disaffected youths terrorizing their communities.

One missionary who agreed to be interviewed on the record, the Rev. David Gibbs, a Rhodesian working in the northeastern Moko District, said the program began in the area last week.

He said scores of black youths in their last year of primary school have been rounded up and taken in military trucks to white-owned farms, many of which have lost their black workers because of guerrilla intimidation.

"The district commissioner's office said that if they got paid, they could keep the money," Gibbs said.

Gibbs said blacks in his area are incensed and that local mis-

sionaries have organized parents into a delegation which asked Red Cross to report on the forced labor program.

The parents reported that about 10 schools were affected, with up to 50 students 13 to 14 years of age taken from each of the schools.

One source estimated 2,000 youths have been rounded up.

FBI issues warrants for Jonestown killers

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—Sealed arrest warrants have been issued to the FBI for people believed responsible in the Guyana slaying of Representative Leo J. Ryan, the "New York Times" reported Tuesday.

The report said less than a dozen warrants had been issued for members of the People's Temple.

"The Times" said the FBI has not determined the whereabouts of other suspects and

but he could not say whether all had been sent to work on white farms.

The roaming bands of young blacks are known as "mujibas." Often armed with only sticks and stones, the "mujibas" have been blamed by black and white rural residents for imposing a reign of terror on their communities.

quoted one source as saying at least some of them were "presumed to be dead."

In Georgetown, Guyana, a preliminary hearing into charges against Charles Belkman, accused of murdering People's Temple spokesman Sharon Amos and her three children, was adjourned until Thursday.

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Marcos orders elections toward Muslim autonomy

MANILA, Dec. 5 (AP)—In an apparent move to halt the long-running and bloody dispute between his martial law regime and the Muslim minority in the southern Philippines, President Ferdinand Marcos asked parliament Tuesday to prepare for the legislative elections for a Muslim autonomous region.

Vietnamese push inside Cambodia

BANGKOK, Dec. 5 (AP)—Vietnamese patrols appear to have penetrated to the east bank of the Mekong river inside Cambodia, while a newly formed Cambodian insurgent front Tuesday continued its call for the overthrow of the Phnom Penh regime.

Reliable sources said Vietnamese probes focused on the area near Kratie, 160 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh and about 80 kilometers from the Vietnamese frontier. A key Mekong town, it was the headquarters of the Communist rebels during the five-year Cambodian war.

The Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation, officially formed Sunday, continued to repeat its declaration calling for an overthrow of Premier Pol Pot and

meeting with his supporters in parliament that the elections would be held in May or June next year.

The president told them the elections were in compliance with an agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front signed in late 1976 in Tripoli under the auspices of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference.

It calls for an autonomous Muslim region for 13 southern

Philippine provinces, a legislative assembly and an executive council constituted through appointments by the legislative assembly. The number of members of each body was not specified.

But Marcos said the forthcoming elections will be for members of two legislative assemblies in two Muslim regions composed only of 10 provinces, contrary to the Tripoli agreement. The organization of two Muslim autonomous regions was in accordance with the results of the plebiscite of April 1977, which the MNLF has called a "farce."

Under the Tripoli agreement Muslims would have the right to set up Islamic courts, establish schools, their own administrative, financial and economic systems and establish special regional forces.

But the agreement provides that all these autonomous rights should be consistent with "the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines," and relations with the central government "will be discussed later." Each party to the arrangement has had its own interpretation, resulting in deadlock.

Marcos has repeatedly said that the lifting of martial law he proclaimed six years ago would depend on peace and order in the southern Philippines, where 10 million people live in one-third of the country. There are about 2.5 million Muslims in the area.



MALAYSIA CAMP: Teenage Vietnamese refugees saw firewood in a camp near Kuala Trengganu Sunday. In the past three months Malaysia has taken in over 47,000 boat people.

Thirst kills marooned refugees after passing ships refuse aid

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 5 (Agencies)—Eighty-five of 120 Vietnamese refugees fleeing by boat to Taiwan died of thirst and hunger, ignored by passing vessels. Another refugee boat capsized off the coast of Thailand, killing 48 passengers, the Taiwan authorities said Tuesday.

In Malaysia, where 47,300 Vietnamese have already sought refuge, villagers stoned the latest arrivals.

Some 240 Vietnamese aboard a 60-foot wooden boat made it ashore unharmed and were taken by police trucks to

a refugee camp. A policeman was knocked unconscious but a U.N. refugee official suffered only minor injuries, according to the official report.

Thailand said Tuesday boat carrying Vietnamese refugees capsized off the coast Sunday, killing 48.

Authorities took the 278 known survivors to a refugee camp near the Malaysian border, already housing nearly 2,000.

The vessel overturned and sank while it was waiting for four refugees who swam ashore to obtain food and water.

The tragedy was at least the sixth within two weeks in the same general area off the Thai and Malaysian coast. At least 400 refugees have drowned in high seas.

A Taiwanese fishing boat brought 34 emaciated refugees to the port of Kaohsiung after taking them off an island in the Spratly group where they had spent 34 days with almost no food or water.

Fifty-six of the original 120 passengers died on the island and others en route to Taiwan.

The refugees, mostly of Chinese descent, said British and Japanese freighters passed them by, although two came within 200 feet.

The refugees waved and begged for help but sailors on both ships raised their arms sideways, indicating they could not lend aid.

Defiant poster implies Mao ran dictatorship

PEKING, Dec. 5 (R)—A controversial poster that in essence labels the late Communist leader Mao Tse-tung as a dictator went up Tuesday on "Democracy Wall," and attracted a large crowd in the freezing weather.

The poster—headed "The Fifth Modernization—Democracy"—was put up despite calls by Chinese leaders to cool the public debate and criticism by Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping of poster attacks on Mao.

Debate sought on release of Menten

THE HAGUE, Dec. 5 (AP)—Holland's opposition Socialist Party said Tuesday it would press for a parliamentary debate on evidence that led to the release of Peiter Menten, a rich art collector accused of war crimes in World War II. It would concern Menten's claim that he had been granted immunity in 1952 in return for silence about war crimes by Dutch law officials. A court ruled Monday that Menten's claim had merit and dismissed charges he participated in the murder of more than 20 persons in Poland.

Mobs go on rampage in Indian state

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (R)—Mobs of students went on the rampage in the northeastern Indian state of Bihar Monday, burning down college buildings and railway stations, officials said Tuesday. The students, protesting against the reservation of government jobs for Untouchables, set fire to a library, the principal's office and the recreation room of a college in Patna, the state capital.

McGovern continues Rhodesian tour

SALISBURY, Dec. 5 (UPI)—Sen. George McGovern Tuesday began the second day of his Rhodesian tour with a visit to the army's elite Selous Scouts, but he refused to be drawn into a debate over the unit's alleged ill-treatment of civilians. Accompanied by the Rhodesian Army Commander, Lt. Gen. John Hickman, he flew by helicopter to the camp 24 miles northwest of here.

U.S. arms control chief sworn in

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—George Seignious, the military man whom President Carter hopes can persuade the U.S. Senate to approve a new strategic arms treaty, has taken oath of office as director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Seignious took the oath as Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and former ACDA Director Paul Warnke looked on late Monday.

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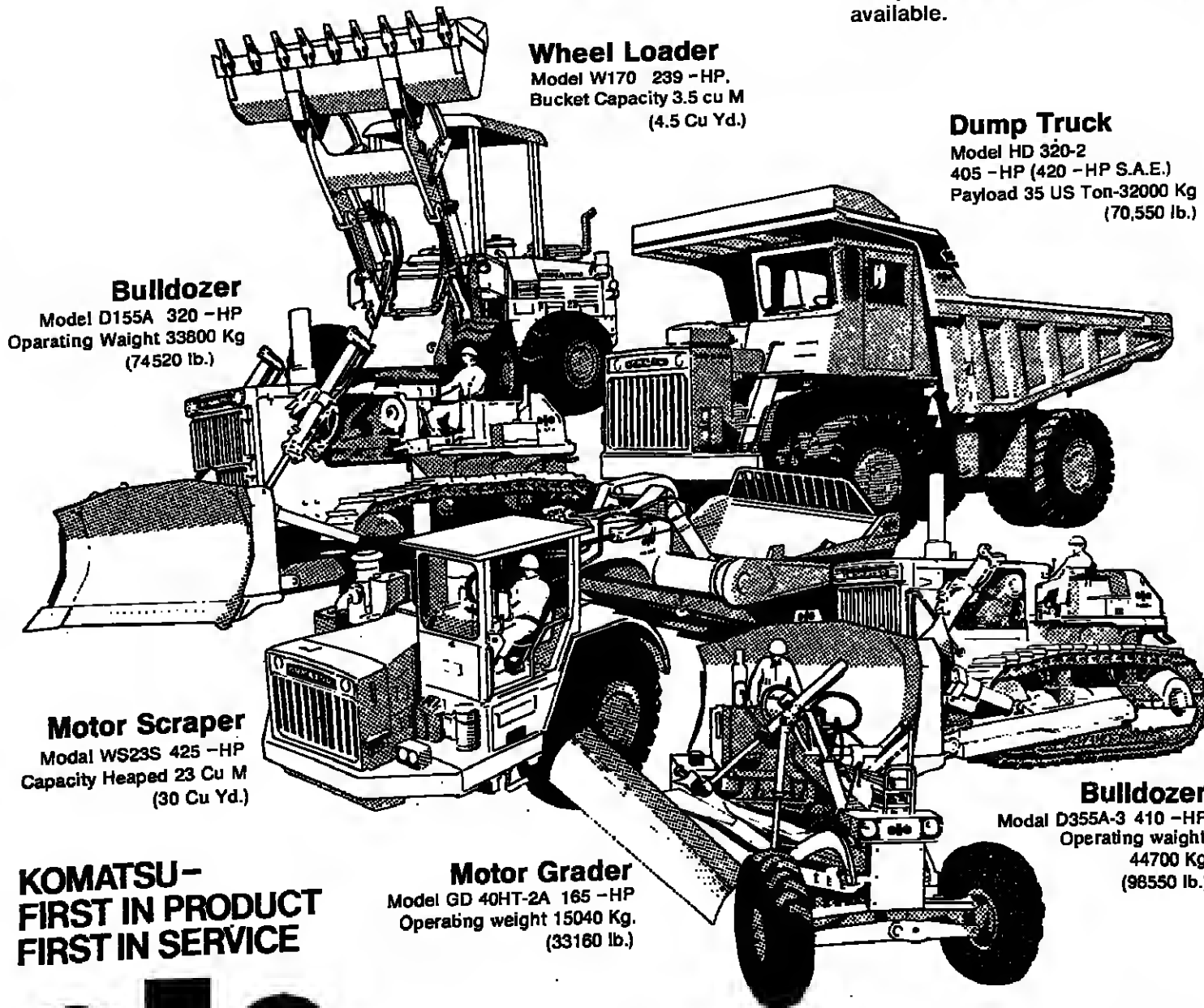
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MIDEAST DRAW

The near-collapse of the peace talks in Washington does not necessarily close the door of peace. The parties concerned remained committed to peace as much as they are to negotiating their different versions of it. It is frustrating, however, to realize that after nearly two months of talking the parties are hardly a step away from their point of departure.

That point may be seen as the American-sponsored peace treaty. Israel and Egypt have proposed amendments which have failed to win reciprocal support. In the end, Israel suggested that the two sides should drop their various demands and accept the draft treaty in its original form. The Egyptians have not found the idea particularly endearing because they demand that the treaty be linked to progress on the Palestine issue is a cornerstone of their overall peace philosophy.

The breaking point, however, was reached when the two sides failed to agree on Article Six in the proposed treaty which is tantamount to Egypt relinquishing Arab commitments which conflict with conditions of the treaty. This would affect the economic boycott of Israel and joint defense pacts. The Egyptians were stung when it became apparent that the U.S. wanted to uphold the article, suggesting only that letters be exchanged to clarify it.

Still, the talks cannot be written off. But the "inevitability" of agreement is no more as inevitable as it seemed in the past. The Israeli press is already reflecting the gloom surrounding the Washington talks and their possible failure. They are also discussing the repercussions over the Israeli political scene, especially the Herut Party of Menachem Begin's troubled Likud coalition. The Arabs have always ignored to read the Israeli press, and have always been made to pay for their ignorance. If they had, they might have already started discussing the Arab options in case of failure of the peace talks.

The simple question is: Will President Sadat return to the Arab fold? The question implies the failure of the negotiations—an event that has not happened yet and that might never take place. But the question must still be raised and possibilities discussed so that developments may not overtake and overcome the Arabs once more.

President Sadat could easily return to the Arab fold. Theoretically, President Sadat could renounce his peace initiative, attack Israeli intransigence and American wishy-washiness and return triumphantly to his fellow Arabs who, after the peace initiative scare, would be more willing than he is to forgive and forget. But President Sadat could not simply wipe out the achievements of the past year because some of them can be saved even if a peace treaty fails to materialize. A more likely approach would be for the moderate Arab states to prepare the right atmosphere for a healing of the Arab ranks with as little fanfare as possible. In this way President Sadat would not appear a loser, his adversaries would not pose as victors and the good points of his peace initiative would be saved.

Such a task can be formidable. Bad feelings still run high between the Egyptian leader and the Arab opposition to his initiative. He still hopes to get Arab support for his efforts while his opponents still hope to defeat him. The moderate states need to impress on the two sides that they cannot get what they want and that their only salvation is in joining hands once more. Their choice is really one of losing separately or fighting for a draw together. There is no question of winning.

Pressure on France

By Paul Webster

PARIS—The French government is resisting pressure by the Soviet Union on proposed weapons deals with China that could result in orders of up to \$900 million. The deals involve billions of dollars worth of orders for French civilian industrial equipment, notably two atomic power stations.

During his visit to Paris recently, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko made it clear that French-Soviet commercial relations would suffer if France confirmed reports that it would sell weapons to China. He left Paris without issuing the expected invitation to President Giscard d'Estaing to visit Moscow and this is taken as an indication of Soviet displeasure with the French response.

Giscard and his aides apparently see China as a better potential market than the Soviet Union as well as a useful indirect ally in checking Soviet ambitions.

There are reports that the French bank BNP is being consulted on a huge loan deal connected with the first of the Chinese nuclear power stations that may be built by the French consortium Framatome.

Despite a drop in trade between the Soviet Union and

France, attributed to cool relations over French interest in China, France appears ready to carry out deals it discussed with the Chinese Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Yang Cheng-wu, last year when he led the highest-ranking Chinese army delegation to visit any Western country.

The general is a close adviser to the first deputy prime minister, Teng Hsiao-ping, political head of the armed forces and the architect of China's increasingly open relationship with Europe and the West in general.

Since the visit, the French have been discussing the export of 15,000 Milan and HOT antitank missiles, Gazelle helicopters, armored vehicles and Croale antiaircraft missiles. France is now consulting its Western allies before completing the deal. The Chinese now say that they also want motor torpedo boats, torpedoes and electronic submarine equipment.

In the background is an eventual deal to buy the Mirage-200 fighter-bomber, which will be France's front-line plane of the next decade. Already the manufacturer, Dassault, has said it is ready to sell 50 planes and the manufacturing license but this has been held up by the government which wants China to buy more completed planes.

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Carrots, sticks and thickening

By the National Association of Arab Americans

WASHINGTON —

A struggle is now taking place that may determine, more than any other single consideration, the direction of events in the Middle East in the near future. The issue is the illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the focal point is whether the Carter administration has the political determination to block their expansion.

On Nov. 6, the Begin government approved expenditure of \$32.5 million for the construction of 900 new housing units for settlements in the occupied territories; 660 of the houses are slated for the West Bank, with 230 to be in the Gaza Strip. An additional \$3 million has been set aside for a new road to link the West Bank settlements with Israel.

This "thickening" of the settlements, as the Israelis call it, poses a direct challenge to the Carter administration and to the peace process. The Arab world and the rest of the world are waiting to see what happens. The Carter response has been firm in opposition to expansion of Israeli settlements, but to date it has been limited to verbal exchanges alone. The Israelis have persisted, confident that their friends in the United States, particularly Congress, will pressure the White House and emasculate the policy.

Various arguments are advanced to explain American inability to check Israel. One is that the United States really has little leverage on Israel. This view is predicated on the assumption that Israel is a political peer of the United States, rather than a small client-state dependent on American largesse. The "peer" perception is the result of the disproportionate support traditionally accorded Israel, courtesy of the Israel lobby and Congress. Administration use of the peer argument reflects harsh domestic political realities over the years, with the single exception of the time when President Eisenhower forced an Israeli rollback after it occupied Sinai in 1956.

Congress has abdicated its proper role as a defender of the American national interest by engaging in what has been called the "Israel Sweepstakes," in which legislators (and political aspirants) vie with one another to show how much they can do for Israel. It is not surprising that Prime Minister Begin — or any other Israeli leader — thinks that he can tell the administration to go to hell, confident that he can corruptly use American weapons, cash, and political support to pour unabated Israeli arrogance toward the United States is not an accident, and the Congress must face up to its responsibility for this state of affairs.

Another argument explaining American deference to Israel is that while we possess potential leverage through our massive material and political assistance, we will "never" use it to extract political concessions. Such statements, most recently attributed to President Carter and Vice President Mondale, must strike the average American as counterproductive, since the United States uses far smaller amounts of aid to other countries as a "carrot and stick." Even when Israeli actions jeopardize peace and American interests in the Middle East, we continue to assure them that we will never do the one thing that would get them in line: "cut off the water."

For the present, Israeli intentions concerning expanding the settlements are on the re-

cord along with American objections. If the expansion goes ahead and if the Carter administration limits its actions to verbal criticism, the Middle East peace process may be in for trouble. The significance of the settlements issue increases when one considers the possibility that the Begin government is engaged in a deliberately provocative policy, confident that with a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty assured, it will benefit from actions which impede movement toward a comprehensive settlement in which other Arab participation would be required.

The Carter administration has been lobbying vigorously to persuade the Arab countries and the Palestinians to participate in the peace process based on the Camp David accords. Explicit in this effort has been American assurance that it is serious about a just solution of the Palestinian problem. Implicit in the administration's effort is a commitment to face down the Israelis, who are intent on retaining the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as an extension of the state of Israel. This situation embodies a contradiction between Israeli and Palestinian objectives which can be resolved in a just manner only if Israeli plans are blocked.

The Carter administration is now faced with an opportunity to show that it is not merely filling the air with words when it opposes Israeli settlements' expansion. The rest of the world is watching to see not only what is said but also what is done concerning illegal Israeli settlements in Arab territory. The Arab world has a right to be skeptical of American promises in light of the historical record, but it should also take the outcome of the current Israeli-American dispute at face value.

that he needed to move forward and decide the issue without much hesitation.

International participation which is principally American and French. Something of this nature Sarkis achieved a measure of this participation during his recent visit to France. France approved the first two proposals. Sarkis is in need of international support especially with regard to the south. This seemed to be forthcoming in addition to the French offer of military aid to rebuild the armed forces.

Now that these three ingredients for a solution for the Lebanese question appear to be available, it remains to see what Sarkis will do next toward a final settlement.

Also on the question of Lebanon, "Al-Riyadh" commented elsewhere in the paper on the proposed construction of an airport and a seaport near the Israeli border as was announced by what the paper called "the Israeli stooge" Maj. Saad Hadad, a Lebanese army renegade who has been in close liaison with the Israelis ever since the Lebanese situation blew up.

Doves, hawks and OPEC

(This is the second in a series of articles on the expected rise of oil prices in 1979 and its effect on the world's economy.)

By Yousef Azmeih

BAHRAIN — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is still divided between the doves and the hawks.

The doves, led by Saudi Arabia, are trying to keep an increase to a minimum. The hawks are hoping to raise the price of oil as much as possible to compensate for the decline of the dollar and world-wide inflation since the last price rise to an average \$12.70 a barrel in January 1977.

Last month Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted as telling American correspondents accompanying U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal on a visit to Jeddah that Saudi Arabia would again like to keep prices frozen, continuing the policy it has adopted at all the OPEC meetings since the beginning of last year.

But he hinted that the Kingdom might not be able to withstand the pressure for an increase when he meets his OPEC partners in Abu Dhabi on Dec. 16.

Yamani told the journalists that Saudi Arabia would not again go against the OPEC majority, although it would oppose a substantial increase.

The Saudis have also been pressing for a staggered increase — a scheme first suggested by Yamani at an informal OPEC conference in Taif last May.

Yamani told reporters then that to lessen the adverse effect of a price increase on the world economy, he would like to see any oil price increase spread over a whole year — through small quarterly rises, for example.

He said such staggered increases would end speculative stocking of crude oil, which puts upward pressure on oil prices.

But the majority of OPEC states are still hoping for a substantial increase next year which would add up to a price rise of 10-15 per cent for the whole of 1979.

According to oil industry sources, there are two main reasons why Saudi Arabia appears unwilling to go against the OPEC majority again.

One is its fear that a two-year price freeze has begun to have serious effects on the economies of some of the more populous OPEC states, which might therefore start questioning seriously the usefulness of OPEC and its leadership.

The other reason is that sluggish market conditions which helped to reinforce the pressure for a price freeze have started to disappear. By early November, up to two million barrels a day in excess supply had been completely taken up.

Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim said in Baghdad last month he would not be seeking full compensation for losses in purchasing power during the past two years, which he estimated at up to 30 per cent for inflation and a further 11-15 per cent for the weakened dollar.

He said although Iraq had not altered its view that these losses should be fully compensated, it would seek at Abu Dhabi the lowest common denominator which would keep OPEC united.

Abdul Karim said, however, that there were limits to what was acceptable, and Iraq would not accept a "symbolic" oil price rise of about five per cent.

Two other leaders among the hawks, Algeria and Libya, have been relatively quiet for some time, with Algeria hinting in its official press it was losing interest in OPEC.

The most important group in that made up of the moderates in between, led by Venezuela and Kuwait.

In OPEC terms, the moderates are those states which seek to compromise between the extremes of either side — those said by some Gulf press reports to be seeking "full compensation" of almost 30 per cent at the Abu Dhabi conference, and those which want no price increase at all.

Venezuela and Kuwait feel that two years of restraint have proved OPEC's moderation to the entire world and no one could blame the organization if it increased prices to recoup substantial losses due to currency fluctuations and inflation.

OPEC economists estimate minimum losses due to inflation and the decline of the dollar at more than 20 per cent since the last oil price rise.

The moderates appear ready to argue at Abu Dhabi that it will not be unreasonable to increase prices by the minimum level, in several stages spread over a whole year. —(OR)

Power, paranoia and death

By Henry Allen

WASHINGTON —

In an age in which everything was permitted, yet little seemed real, the Rev. Jim Jones promised a refuge.

At his Peoples Temple in California and in the jungles of Guyana, little enough was permitted — disciples surrendered property, privacy, logic, freedom. And in a blaze of certainty by Jones' charisma, paranoia, deceptions and power lust, they found the final reality — death.

"They were smiling, they were genuinely happy," said Mark Lane, a lawyer for the cult who fled into the jungle just before the mass suicide began with the squirting of cyanide into babies' mouths.

Literate, adult Americans, supposedly immunized against such madness by 20th century education and science, children of the enlightenment watched their own children, their spouses and friends die in foaming convulsions, their waiting — even happily — to fall dead in their turns. Only they could understand whatever message they tried to send with their deaths.

Historians have groped for precedents, psychiatrists for motivations, community leaders for courses of action. How could this have happened? Could it happen again?

Except for the smugness of hindsight offered by foes of the mind-control cults that have emerged in the last decade, there are no simple answers.

But a variety of explanations taken together begin to show how the madness of one man could converge with the spirit of an age in upheaval to weave a doomed nexus out of strands ranging from the most ancient of human instincts and customs to the physiology of the mammalian brain.

The comfort, here, is cold indeed.

Suicides—even mass suicides — for gods and principles, right and wrong, have occurred in various contexts throughout history.

On April 15, A.D. 73, nearly 1,000 Jewish defenders of the fortress Masada killed themselves rather than be taken prisoner by the besieging Romans. According to Gibbon, the 4th and 5th centuries were marked by the willful martyrdoms of the Donatists, who in seeking heaven "frequently stopped travelers on the public highways and obliged them to inflict the stroke of martyrdom by promise of a reward, if they consented — and by the threat of instant death, if they refused to grant so very singular a favor."

What promise of heaven, or threat of disaster or dishonor, could have tempted the Peoples Temple disciples?

"We were informed that our situation had become hopeless, and that the only course of action open to us was a mass suicide for the glory of socialism. We were told that we would be tortured by mercenaries if we were taken alive. Life at Jonestown was so miserable and the physical pain of exhaustion was so great that this event was not traumatic for me. I had become indifferent as to whether I lived or died."

—Deborah Layton Blakey, former member of the Peoples Temple, describing a suicide rehearsal.

There were no mercenaries and there was little "situation" to become hopeless. The Peoples Temple was hardly known outside California, much less under attack, except for some West Coast media investigations. Jones had considerable political influence — he was head of the San Francisco Housing Authority and a treasury that may have held millions of dollars. He and his

followers had everything, by conventional wisdom, to live for.

But conventional wisdom has never come to terms with the spiritual upheavals and cult phenomena that started growing out of the disarray of American society a decade ago. In secular society, the power of messianic personalities and their persuasive techniques has been ignored and the terrible lure of absolutism, or paranoia, in an age of uncertainty forgotten.

"What you have to remember is that leaders like Jones always believe in what they're doing — it's a divine calling," says Syracuse University anthropologist Agnieszka Bha rail. "Once a person is embarked on this path, it will lead to a power quest. What increases the power is the dependence of followers. There's a point of no return, a snapping point. Suddenly you need more and more power to be sure of yourself — and the quest becomes linked to the divine calling."

Jones' paranoia, power and manipulation fed on themselves. His delusions, legitimized by his divine calling, had nothing to check them when he secluded his mission in the Guyana rain forest.

"This wouldn't have happened if they hadn't been so isolated," says Dr. J. Thomas Ungerleider of the UCLA neuropsychiatric institute. "With no feedback from the outside world you can do incredible things with peer pressure. Paranoia becomes a useful tool. It's a binding force. With it, you'll engage in peer-pressure activities even more."

Lured by security and order, betrayed by physiology and instinct, cult members can be willing to follow their leaders even into death. —(WFP)

saudi press review

Saudi papers continued to comment on the Saudi-Kuwaiti talks. The papers featured the importance of these talks and the positive results which may be expected from the enlarged meetings of the two delegations. They called for greater cooperation not only between the two countries but among all the Arab states of the Gulf.

"Al-Riyadh" discussed the Lebanese question and said there was greater hope today that a peaceful and acceptable solution might be in sight. The paper said "there are three essential prerequisites for a genuine and lasting solution."

— "A full scale national reconciliation that aims at a durable detente among all rival groups provided that they agree to support and uphold constitutional legitimacy in the country."

— "Arab participation in this solution beginning with the Beirut conference of Arab foreign ministers who passed several resolutions in favor of a final settlement. The Arab role has both political and economic dimensions. The Beirut conference has certainly given President Sarkis the fillip

that he needed to move forward and decide the issue without much hesitation.

International participation which is principally American and French. Something of this nature Sarkis achieved a measure of this participation during his recent visit to France. France approved the first two proposals. Sarkis is in need of international support especially with regard to the south. This seemed to be forthcoming in addition to the French offer of military aid to rebuild the armed forces.

Now that these three ingredients for a solution for the Lebanese question appear to be available, it remains to see what Sarkis will do next toward a final settlement.

Also on the question of Lebanon, "Al-Riyadh" commented elsewhere in the paper on the proposed construction of an airport and a seaport near the Israeli border as was announced by what the paper called "the Israeli stooge" Maj. Saad Hadad, a Lebanese army renegade who has been in close liaison with the Israelis ever since the Lebanese situation blew up.

"The proposal is in line with Israeli plans to establish a client 'republic' along its border to form a buffer zone between it and the rest of Lebanon by using lackeys like Major Hadad. If this should happen then the Lebanese situation will further deteriorate in view of the shameful inadequacy of international public opinion."

On a local plane, "Al-Jazirah" compared public hygiene here and abroad. It cited the example of Spain where public cleaners start work at 4:00 a.m.

"Pedestrians who throw away any garbage—even a tissue or a packet of cigarettes — are either ordered to retrieve them or pay a fine on the spot. The same applies to any litter in front of houses and to private gardens which should be clean, beautiful and well-trimmed."

The writer wondered why the Saudi government does not apply some of these regulations to compel the people to help keep the country clean. The writer said similar regulations in Madrid also apply to traffic, where vehicles seldom speed in the towns, or use their blaring horns to disturb the metropolis.

An encore performance of 'The Merry Widow'

By F. W. Rawling
JEDDAH—An excited, "full-house" first night audience enthusiastically welcomed The Jeddah Light Opera Society's performance of "The Merry Widow" at the British Embassy on Monday evening. The Society was justified in attempting its most ambitious production so far and, without doubt, it is the best show they have ever put on.

The orchestra has improved enormously and now there is a much better balance of instruments. To select some of the musicians for special mention is difficult, for all were good, but the pianist, flutists and the lower string section were outstanding and the brass sensitively avoided over-playing.

The chorus ensemble was strong and very effective. They sang and moved very well and were obviously well directed, as were all the stage movements in this musical comedy.

The group dancing was nicely done; not ballet-like, but robust and cheerful, and all the better for that in the context.

Costumes were superbly imaginative. There were bright, cheerful, "national" costume and gallant uniforms. Some of the gentlemen's evening dress looked as if it had been made for two other people, but no matter. It all added to the verisimilitude of the strange little principality. Pontevetro, the setting for the romantic and amusing events.

Stage design was simple but attractive. Lighting and sound

effects were first rate.

The story and sub plot do not matter very much, they are vehicles for a feast of lively music. The story is funny enough, though. The principal comic characters, Baron Zeta, the Ambassador (Richard Bondi); Njegus the Faciotum (Rupert Armitage); Brioche (Christopher Vock); Cascada (Claes Green); Kromor and Olga his wife (Francis Geere and Eva Jones) extricated all the comedy possible from their situation and sang nicely, too.

The exchanges between Brioche and Cascada were well done. Zeta has the longest speaking part and he carried it off well in his rich brown-velvet voice. Njegus was outstanding. The comic genius of Rupert Armitage made it a much better

part than it is.

There are differences in acoustical effect for indoor and outdoor performances. Outdoors, the lower registers of men's voices seem to be able to be projected with less difficulty than the higher reaches of the ladies'. This affected all the women performers to some extent. They had to give it everything they had, and they did.

Anna Gavari, the Merry Widow, whose vast fortune and Zeta's attempts to keep it in Pontevetro by arranging a suitable marriage form the main plot, is played by Beatrice Groom. She has a fine voice and gave a beautifully spirited acting performance. Danilo, the charming rake who eventually wins her, is played brilliantly

by Layne Montgomery. He gave an excellent acting performance. His singing is natural and melodious.

Valencienne, Zeta's wife (played by Verna Gray) and Camille, her secret lover (played by George Minjarez) sang and acted their parts charmingly. Valencienne has a sweet singing voice and Camille's is clear and vibrant.

The first act contains some excellent music. "So May Men Admire Me" (Aona and the Male Ensemble) was especially well done; so were "You'll Find Me At Maxim's" (Danilo) and "It Goes To Show" (Anna and Danilo). In the second act, Anna's voice acquired a greater authority, and "Driving in the Park with You" was very charming. One of the highlights of the evening was "Women,

Women, Women," a wonderfully funny song and dance performed by the male comedians.

The third act produces the most variety of mood in the music. Some is abandoned, some touchingly romantic, some even, full of tristesse, like Danilo's "Story." The happy familiarity of "The Widow Waltz" and the other key melodies pervade the whole performance.

Director John Bartley, Musical Director Vivian Brown, the performers and members of the Jeddah Light Opera Society are to be warmly congratulated and sincerely thanked for a splendid effort.

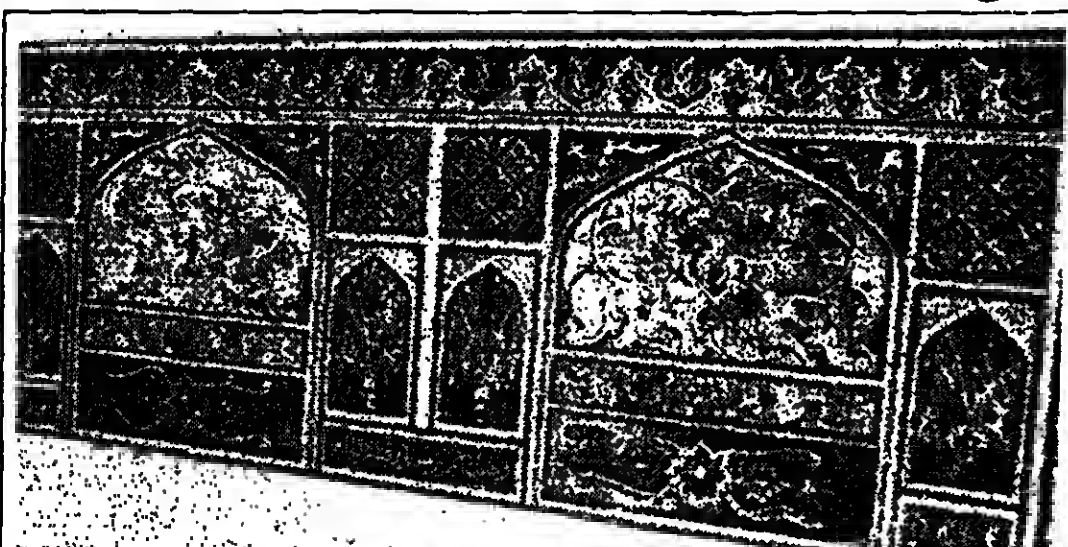
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'Ten Artists' and their flattering romantic affection for Saudi Arabia

By Jim Landers
JEDDAH — If there is a dominant theme in the art of expatriates living in Saudi Arabia, it is the by-now familiar romantic affection for an exotic Arabian past. It is unquestioning art. There is the proud, independent bedouin, the "noble savage," unperturbed to his paradise of sand. There are the dark, walnut eyes of Arab women, forever, sultry in a face eternally veiled. Old houses, minarets, camels and dhows stand in backgrounds of unblemished streets, dunes and seas.

"Ten Artists," a show of paintings, drawings and some outstanding copper friezes by John Dritsas of Greece, opened here Monday night at the Jeddah Dome. More than 100 works of art by nine expatriates and one Saudi (Hisham Bengabi) are on exhibit at the Dome through Thursday, Dec. 7. The prevailing tone is Arabesque romance.

All ten of these artists are members of the Jeddah Fine Arts Society, seven of them founding members. But "Ten Artists" is being sponsored by the participating artists themselves. Most of the work, par-



Leyla Farra's "Arabesque" watercolor

ticularly the pen-and-ink drawings of the Turkish Quarter in the souk, evokes scenes from an imaginary Jeddah-before-oil (though these artists have traveled, and several other locations on the Peninsula are represented).

The oils, water colors, pastels and drawings are all highly flattering to Saudi Arabia, but they are hardly in keep-

ing with the roaring crescendo of the future so overwhelmingly apparent to anyone living here. This is not a major problem. Such art has proved tremendously popular, and is increasingly finding favor with Saudi buyers as well as those from abroad who want to own some shards of the legendary Arabia we will never see again.

Of the works assembled, on-

ly Leyla Farra's "Arabesque," a superbly painted watercolor recalling the wall designs of Andalus and Damascus mosques, can be said to represent a continuation of Arab artistic traditions. For the rest, Western influences are the approach. The art is classical, seldom abstract, and quite unapologetically so.

Joe Horton, Caroline Lees

and Frans op den Kamp lead the artists working in pen-and-ink drawings, and their work goes directly to the Turkish Quarter. For those intent on capturing memories of this landmark area of Jeddah before it disappears to the bulldozers, Horton would make an outstanding choice. His "Leaning Mosque" (which vanished this summer) and "Mashloum Buildings" are but two excellent examples from what appears to be a highly patient chronicler's hand.

All of the artists in the show (others are Doreen Sharabati, Beatrice Nabors, Susan Elliott and Debbie Kim Smith) have done a fine job, and each is represented by about two works. All of the work is on sale, at prices ranging from SR12 for pen-and-ink cards to SR 8,000 for one of Dritsas' more monumental copper items.


Of the paintings, Hisham Bengabi's "Wind" comes closest to catching the essence of the freedom, insecurity and speed that are hallmarks of life-after-oil. "Wind" is a mu-

dest canvas of a rainbow blur of colors. Highlighting the painting is a galloping horse, mirage-like, a ghostly white vi-

sion alternately prominent and invisible.

"Ten Artists" is open daily from 5:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

through Thursday at the Jeddah Dome. Viewing is reserved for women only from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



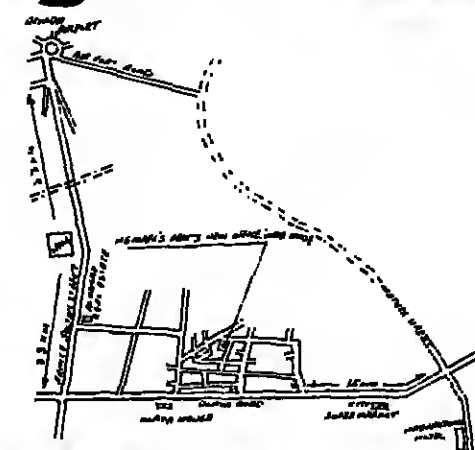
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Yangtze Szechwan

The hot tastes of the Chinese

By Clare Kent

JEDDAH—Chinese culture can be traced back 4,000 years, and so can the art of Chinese cooking. The Chinese were early discoverers of fire, and also early growers of such spices as anise and ginger. While most of the world was still eating raw meat and staple crops, the Chinese were probably already creating delicious dishes.

China is, of course, a very large country. There are several different regions where the climate, terrain, people and food varies a great deal.

The Szechwan province is in the Western region of the Yangtze valley. The climate is hot and humid, almost tropical, and its food is notable for its hot, spicy tang. Probably this developed because of the difficulty of keeping food in such a climate (food can be preserved in hot spices).

Szechwan food has become very popular. Szechwan restaurants have sprung up all around the world. What, then, are these spices that make it so special?

Firstly, ginger is widely used, and so is garlic. But the more pronounced flavors come from the use of Szechwan peppercorns, which are a reddish brown and very peppery, and also from the addition of hot red and green peppers (chilies) which may be either fresh or dried.

Chinese cooking does not require elaborate equipment. Ordinary pots and pans plus a very sharp knife will see you through.

Szechwan Cabbage Pickle

1 quart water
Salt to taste
1 tsp. Szechwan peppercorns
1 lb. very fresh cabbage
4 hot dried red peppers
4 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed.
In a saucepan, bring the water to a boil. Add salt and remove from heat. Pour the water into a very clean two part jar and let cool.

Place the peppercorns in a skillet and cook over moderate heat, shaking the skillet, until roasted. Add to the water.

Cut the cabbage into pieces about two inches square. Rinse well and shake to remove excess water. Add the cabbage to the water in the jar, then add the hot red peppers and the garlic. Cover closely and let stand in a cool place overnight. The cabbage should be ready to eat after 24 hours. It will keep for about two weeks in the refrigerator, and fresh cabbage may be added to replace that which is eaten.

Szechwan Shrimp

1 lb. shrimps in the shell
1 cup finely minced fresh ginger
2 tbsp. chopped garlic
1 cup shredded fresh red or green hot peppers
1 cup steamed rice
1 tbsp. dark soy sauce
1 tsp. light soy sauce
1 tsp. sugar
Salt to taste
1 quart peanut, vegetable or corn oil
2 tbsp. chili paste with garlic (Szechwan paste)



1 cup water
1 cup chopped scallions
In a small bowl, combine the ginger, garlic and hot peppers and set aside. In another bowl combine the rice, soy sauce, sugar and salt.

Heat the oil in a skillet and add the shrimps. Cook, stirring, until they turn pink (about two minutes). Drain the shrimps and set aside. Add the chili paste with garlic to five tablespoons of the oil from the shrimps, and cook stirring for one minute. Then add ginger and garlic to five tablespoons of the oil from the shrimps, and cook stirring for one minute. Then add ginger and garlic mixture and cook, stirring, for 45 seconds. Add the rice mixture and cook about 15 seconds, then add the water and half the scallions. Bring to a boil, stirring, and cook about three minutes, or until sauce is slightly thickened. Add the shrimps and remaining scallions. Cook about one minute, then serve. Serves 4-6.

Crisp Szechwan Duck

2 sticks cinnamon, broken
2 stars anise
1 tsp. Szechwan peppercorns
Salt
1 duck (3-6 lb.)
1 small piece fresh ginger, peeled
1 scallion, green part included
All-purpose flour for dredging
1 tbsp. dark soy sauce
2 egg whites
3 tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 tsp. sugar
Peanut, vegetable or corn oil for deep frying

Combine the cinnamon, anise, peppercorns and two tablespoons salt. Roast until brown, then rub all over the outside and inside of the duck. Leave the rest in the duck's cavity. Add the ginger and the scallion to the cavity. Set aside and let stand three or four hours, or overnight.

Rub flour liberally all over the skin of the duck and place it in a heatproof dish that will fit into the top of a steamer. Place the steamer over boiling water, cover and steam the duck for about two hours until cooked.

Let the duck stand until it is thoroughly cool, then rub it all over with the soy sauce. Wrap in foil and refrigerate until ready to cook.

Combine the egg whites with the cornstarch sugar and salt to taste and blend to make a paste. Rub this all over the outside of the duck to coat. Let stand for at least 30 minutes.

Heat the oil in a deep fryer and when it is hot add the duck, back side down. Cook, spooning hot oil all over the exposed part of the duck. Cook the duck, turning occasionally, until it is crisp and golden brown.

Serve whole while hot. Carve at the table and serve with seasoned salt on the side for dipping. Serves 4-8.

Boat junket down the Yangtze River

By Howard Simoes
WUHAN, China — It is a Sunny October morning in Chungking when our ship — East is Red 36—slips into the channel that will thread us through the fabled Yangtze River gorges.

The 1,350-kilometer two-and-a-half day trip down this angry river will take us for a time out of the bustle of modern China into traditional scenes of the past.

A hundred years ago a cock would have been killed and its blood dripped onto the prow to ensure our ship's safe passage. Today our supplication is a Chinese voice booming over a loudspeaker, exhorting passengers to bid farewell to their relatives and friends, reading an editorial from the "People's Daily" and introducing the crew to the accompaniment of the ever-popular martial music, "The East is Red."

On the first day downriver, the Yangtze is a wide, brown, rushing river, banked by low hills populated with people fishing and farming, working and washing and watching. Here a fisherman uses a bamboo pole. There another swishes a long-poled dip net beneath the opaque, silt-brown surface to catch what he cannot see.

Giant gray and brown buildings stare down from the hills. One a factory, another a hospital, another a nuclear institution, still another a People's Liberation Army barracks or none of these. It is impossible to tell, and no one on our boat knows for certain.

Though Chinese characters decorate the buildings' walls or chimneys, they do not spell out their identifying names. Rather, they are ubiquitous exhortations to "march forward."

Our diesel-powered, Shanghai-built, 17-year-old ship stops briefly at a floating dock at Lu-Ling for refueling. There we're off again. Now the industrialization (it is rapid, here are fewer people; less river traffic; the same beauty).

In the starry predawn hours of the second day — gorge day — we leave Wanhsien, where sleep and stunning steps connect river to town. (We had not been allowed ashore.)

Downriver, after a few hours' journey, the landscape begins changing. Brown, cascading waterfalls split the lush green on both sides of the river. Black-eared kites and pied wagtails fly overhead.

Two spotted ducks land ahead of the boat and take off again.

It is 9:18 a.m. when we enter the first of the three principal gorges — Chutang Gorge, roughly 3 kilometers long. Four minutes later we are staring at the Meng Liang steps — a series of identical holes drilled up a 225-meter escarpment. (WE)



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'Pool goes 3-1 down on road to Supercup

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (UPI) — Two-time Cupwinners Cup holder Anderlecht, sparked by first-half goals from Vercauteren and van der Elst and a late clincher from Dutch World Cup star Rob Rensenbrink, upset Liverpool, 3-1, Monday to take a handsome lead after the first leg of the European Soccer "Supercup".

Liverpool, European champion for the last two years, took the initiative from the kick off and keeper de Bree had to push away a shot from Jimmy Case in the opening minutes before Gele launched a breakaway attack that set up the opening score.



SAN DIEGO, Dec. 5 (AP) — Quarterback Dan Fouts threw for two touchdowns, Rolf Benirschke kicked two field goals and Larry Burton — in his first game for the Chargers — caught two touchdowns passes Monday night as San Diego humiliated the Chicago Bears, 40-7, in a National Football League game.

Vercauteren nodded the ball past Clemence to the delight of the 32,000 home crowd.

Liverpool hit back immediately and de Bree was forced into saves from Souness, Case, Johnson and McDermott before in the 27th minute Case collected a ball just outside the box and rifled the ball home from 20 yards.

Anderlecht, looking sloppy in midfield and struggling to contain the Liverpool attack, had a lucky escape to the 37th minute when de Bree tipped out a fierce drive from Johnson but then hit back with another sudden counter-attack to go 2-1.

Thissen launched the mid-field move which was capped by van der Elst who collected the ball on the left before powering a shot past the outstretched Clemence.

Liverpool, 7-1 aggregate winner of last year's Supercup against Hamburg, came close to equalizing in the 52nd minute when de Bree pulled off a finger-tip save from Neal as both teams worked up promising scoring chances.

But Anderlecht was still hungry for goals and in the 88th minute Rensenbrink sank another nail into Liverpool's hopes of retaining the trophy when he escaped the cover defense and slipped the ball to the right of the advancing keeper.



TESTS: Traversaro (right) has his eyes examined at compulsory medical tests before his Tuesday night bout with Rossman (left) for the WBA light-heavyweight crown.

Rossman eying pay days ahead

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5 (UPI) — The first time Mike Rossman fought in the Spectrum, he was a green 17-year-old kid hurried in an undercard and just coming off a \$60 pay day in his first pro fight at Atlantic City.

Tuesday night, Rossman was to make the first defense of his WBA light-heavyweight championship in the arena against European champion Aldo Traversaro of Italy with an eye to some six and seven figure paydays in the months ahead.

The 22-year-old champion, who won the title with a technical knockout of Victor Galindez on Sept. 15, is favored to defeat his tall, 30-year-old opponent, who is fighting in the United States for the first time. Rossman is in the best shape of his career and his camp expects knockout early in the 15-round bout possible in the fifth round.

Rossman, who grew up in Philadelphia, has won 22 of 35 fights by knockouts against four losses and three draws. Traversaro is 44-2-5 with 30 K.O.s.

Scar tissue on Traversaro's face shows he can be cut but the challenger says, "Rossman can get cut just like I can get cut" and if he defeats Traversaro.

England set to capture first Test

BRISBANE, Dec. 5 (R) — England was on course for victory in the first Test against Australia despite centuries by Graham Yallop and Kim Hughes here Tuesday.

At the close of the fourth day England, needing 170 to win in its second innings, was 16 without loss with Geoff Boycott on nine and Graham Gooch two.

Australia resumed this morning after Monday's rest day at 157 for three and England had to wait until 30 minutes before lunch for its next wicket.

W. Indies move ahead

The West Indies finally hauled itself past India's first-innings total of 424 after tea on the fourth day of the first Test in Bombay Tuesday.

At stumps, the West Indies was 452 for seven — a lead of 28 and the final day promised only to be of interest to statisticians, with no time left for an outright victory.

Lone yacht racer sighted; five others still missing

BREST, France, Dec. 5 (AP) — French naval aircraft have found one of the six French single-handed sailors who had been missing in a transatlantic race from France to Guadeloupe, navy headquarters said Monday.

The aircraft spotted the youngest competitor, Yves le Cornec, 19, about 270 miles east of the island, apparently in good shape with his yacht doing a steady eight knots.

Of 28 starters, 14 have finished the event, 12 formally abandoned and eight have been

Games chief, Jakarta argue over 2nd-rankers

BANGKOK, Dec. 5 (R) — The Thai president of the Asian Games Federation (AGF) Tuesday accused Indonesia of self-interest in withdrawing some athletes from this year's Asian Games because of threatened sanctions by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapaya, who is also president of Thailand's National Olympic Committee, said Indonesia should have joined an Asian united front against the IAAF.

The IAAF has refused to sanction the track and field events at the games, opening here Saturday, because Israel was not invited. The IAAF has warned athletes who compete in the games that they risk exclusion from future international events including the Olympic Games.

But Indonesia has denied that it is sending second-string athletes.

Sayidiman Suryohadiprojo, chairman of the Indonesian Athletic Federation, told reporters in Jakarta: "We have never classified our athletes into the various categories."

Nine Indonesian athletes originally selected for the games have withdrawn and been replaced by five others, who, he said, were among the top ten sprinters in the country. He said the original nine had said they were unwilling to go to Bangkok because of the IAAF threat.

Asian Games fever meanwhile built up here Tuesday and there are now more than 1,500 athletes and officials from 15 countries camped in the Thai capital.

Syria's eleven-hour deci-

sion to participate has brought the number of competing countries to 25.

Soccer

A new draw for the soccer

event was made Monday night after a late withdrawal by Iran.

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EC chiefs in discord over monetary system

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (AP) — summit conference of the European Common Market nations was in serious disagreement Tuesday in its final hours of efforts to design a new European monetary system, conference sources reported.

Officials said the participants were resigned to a late entry into the system by the British pound, and warned in addition that Ireland and Italy, the other less prosperous members of the community, might also withhold word on when they would join the system.

Sources said French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had virtually vetoed efforts to give the three countries more help from the community's regional development fund, insisting instead that loans and other credit agreements be used.

Sources raised the prospect that if the system starts on

schedule on Jan. 1, it may include only six of the nine Common Market nations: Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, West Germany, Denmark and France.

They said Ireland and Italy might still give their agreement to the system Dec. 18 but Britain was not expected to join immediately in any case.

Draft rules for the system under consideration in the event of only Britain's absence would provide Britain some say in the arrangement from its very start.

Britain's delayed entry into the system was expected to be last six months or more while the United Kingdom considers the aid package offered and works to lower its 7.8 per cent inflation rate.

The European community's council of finance ministers would monitor the system after it starts operation, giving Britain constant contact with how it is performing.

Japanese win \$90m Jordanian contract

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (R) — A Japanese company has won a \$90 million contract to expand the King Hussein thermal station in Zerka 25 kilometers (16 miles) northeast of Amman.

The contract which was signed here with Co Itoh Fuji, provides for the building of three steam units of 66 megawatt capacity each. On completion of the project in mid 1981, the capacity of the thermal station will rise to 330 megawatts.

Loans from Arab funds in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia will cover the cost of two units, and a \$20-million loan from the Arab-African Bank will pay for the third, Jordan's electricity authority said.

Market comment: Early strains

Special to Arab News

LONDON, Dec. 5 — As negotiations aimed at setting up the new European Monetary System (EMS) dragged on into the early hours of the morning in Bonn, foreign exchange dealers speculated on the likelihood of currency realignments at its inception. To avoid early strains on the new regime of tighter exchange rate control, due to be launched at the beginning of next year, it was thought that parities between participating currencies would have to be adjusted to take account of the differing economic strengths of the countries concerned.

As the Deutschmark was obviously the most likely currency to be revalued upward in such a realignment, speculators sought the German currency at the expense of the French and Belgian francs, in particular. The dollar also came under pressure and its effective depreciation widened out to 8.1 per cent again, from the 7.7 per cent level reached at the end of last week. Sterling suffered a little, too, but because the U.K. now appears likely to stay out of the EMS initially, it remained relatively undisturbed.

The Deutschmark continued strong against most other currencies until the announcement, by a senior Bundesbank official on Tuesday morning, that present parities between European currencies would be maintained under the reformed EMS. The dollar rallied immediately against the German currency and the Swiss franc and Dutch guilder were also thrown into retreat.

The possibility of another bout of currency upheaval in the new year gave a considerable boost to gold prices, though trading did not appear particularly active. Even so, the metal soared more than \$6 on Monday as the dollar declined, and reached nearly \$200 an ounce before closing at \$199 3/8.

Sonatrach borrows \$1.94 billion

ALGIERS, Dec. 5 (R) — Algeria's state oil and gas firm Sonatrach has signed contracts for loans for investment projects in Algeria totalling \$1.945 billion last week in London, Paris and Rome, Algeria Press Service news agency reported Monday.

The loans from international banks and finance companies were signed between Nov. 28 and Dec. 1, the agency said.

They were guaranteed by the Algerian Development Bank (BAD) for the External Bank of Algeria (BEA) and were destined for gas projects, including the "GNL Two" plant at the north western Algerian port of Arzew, and the Algerian part of the trans-Mediterranean pipeline to Italy.

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Authority	Description	No. of Tenders 14-29/99	Price (SR)	Closing Date
* Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Securing fodder for horses in Riyadh	xx	1,500	Dec. 27, 1978
* Albakiriyah Municipality	Asphalting and lighting	xx	100	Dec. 24, 1978
* Education Department	Teaching articles	xx	100	Dec. 12, 1978
* Median	Teaching articles	2	free	Jan. 10, 1979
* Eshraf Oneiza	Teaching articles	xx	200	Dec. 13, 1978
* General Directorate of Municipal & Rural Affairs (Western Province)	Asphalting, lighting Amr bin Al Aas (Al Laith town)	xx	200	1978
* Al Khobara & Sahhabin Municipality	Maintenance of Al Laith roads eroded by rain. Lighting of 3,200 meters of roads	xx	100	Dec. 2, 1978



PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 5TH DECEMBER 1978

1-VESSELS		5TH DECEMBER 1978		
DISCHARGING BERTH VESSEL		AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	SEASPEED ARABIA	FAYEZ	RU RO	4 12 1978
2	—	—	—	—
3	BARGES EX ATLANTIC FOREST	KANOO	RICE FLOUR GENERAL	16 11 1978
4	EDINBURGH	KANOO	CONCRETE MATERIALS	3 12 1978
5	IBN ZUBAIR	KANOO	CONCRETE GEN.	1 12 1978
6	—	—	—	—
7	ATLANTIC FREEZER	O.C.E.	REEFER	27 11 1978
8	FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	REEFER	3 12 1978
9	—	—	—	—
10	NEW LARK	ORRI	RICE GEN. TIMBER	3 12 1978
11	—	—	—	—
12	HOPE	RED SEA	REBAR GENERAL	4 12 1978
13	GOLDEN ARABIA	EL HAWI	FWKID GEN.	3 12 1978
14	DIGNITY	ALPHA	SUGAR	2 12 1978
15	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	29 11 1978
16	—	—	—	—
17	BARGES EX ATLANTIC FOREST	KANOO	RICE FLOUR GENERAL	16 11 1978
18	ODYSSEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	7 11 1978
19	MEDICEMENT	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	30 11 1978
20	CARRIER	—	—	—
21	TOKI ARROW	REDEC	BULK CEMENT	3 12 1978
22	TOULLA	STAR NAV.	BAGGED CEMENT	29 11 1978
23	MARE CARIBICO	S.A.M.A.	REEFER	1 12 1978
24	FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	—	REEFER	1 12 1978
25	—	—	—	—
26	SELENA	STAR NAV.	REEFER	30 11 1978
27	TABALO	A.E.T.	TIMBER	3 12 1978
28	—	—	—	—
29	GEORGIOS TSIRIS	O.C.E.	BAGGED CEMENT	3 12 1978
30	KORDOFAN	O.C.E.	GENERAL STEEL	3 12 1978
31	SINED I	O.C.E.	GENERAL	2 12 1978
32	TASSOS N	OCEAN TRD.	STEEL PAPER GEN.	30 11 1978
33	LELLO DI MAIO	ALPHA	SUGAR	29 11 1978
34	BARGES EX SAM HOUSTON	A.E.T.	GENERAL	29 11 1978
35	—	—	—	—
36	POSSEHL	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	4 12 1978
37	—	—	—	—
RO RO				
38	ROLON NORTE	H.S.S.C.	RU RO	3 12 1978
39	ARONA	RED SEA	RU RO	3 12 1978
Vessels Working at Anchorage				
40	JINYANG -15	S.E.A.	GENERAL	2 12 1978
2-Recent Arrivals				
41	VILLE D'ANVERS	M.T.A.	CONTAINERS	4 12 1978
42	TASSOS N	OCEAN TRADE	STEEL PAPER GENERAL	4 12 1978
43	POSSEHL	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	4 12 1978
44	HOPE	RED SEA	REBAR	4 12 1978
45	ROLON NORTE	S.C.S.A.	RU RO & T D REEFER	4 12 1978
46	SEASPEED ARABIA	FAYEZ	RU RO	4 12 1978
47	ARONA	RED SEA	RU RO	4 12 1978
3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours				
48	FAIR REEFER	M.E.S.A.	APPLES	4 12 1978
49	BLUE OCEAN	BAABOUD	OLIVE OIL CAKE	4 12 1978
50	CLAN MC NAB	ALIREZA	GENERAL	4 12 1978
51	EURABIA WIND	SHOBOKSHI	GENERAL OIL CAKE	4 12 1978
52	SCOTLAND	BARBER	CONTAINERS	4 12 1978
53	STRATEKIDN	KANOO	CONTAINERS	4 12 1978
54	ROBERT E LEE	A.E.T.	9 LASH BARGES	4 12 1978
55	SEASPEED DIMA	FAYEZ	RU RO	4 12 1978
56	MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RU RO	4 12 1978
57	HISPANIA	—	—	—
58	FARAD	SADAKA	BAGGED CARGO	4 12 1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 58974.
WAITING TIME : NIL.

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U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	6.60	6.63
Deutsche Mark (100)	176.00	176.00
Swiss F (100)	197.00	197.00
French F (100)	76.50	76.75
Italian Lira (1000)	40.00	39.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	111.75	112.50
Syrian Lira (100)	81.75	87.00
Egyptian Pound	4.85	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.30	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.30
Emirate Dirham (100)	88.00	88.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	88.00	88.00
Bahraini Dinar	8.80	8.80
Iranian Riyal (100)	47.00	48.35
Israeli Dinar	10.25	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.00	74.40
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	80.00	89.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	35.00	34.35
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10 Tola bar	2,520	—
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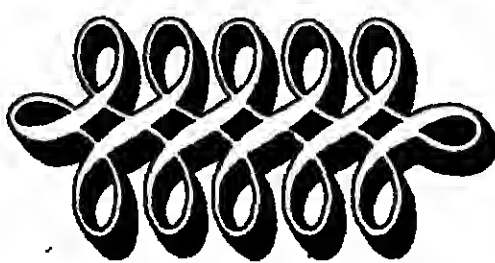
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Mr. Noor Bakash Jodari Bakash, a Pakistani by Nationality with Passport No. AF-116653, is missing from our company, since Monday the 27th November, 1978. Last time he was going to Mecca. We would be grateful to anybody who might have seen or heard about him to contact Tel: 73253 or to report to the nearest Police Station.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 5.1.1399/5.12.1978

TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working the Ship	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	KATORI MARU	GULF	CEMENT PLANT	3/12/1978
5	SAN GEORGE	GULF	TEA IN CASES	3/12/1978
6	LUNAR VENTURE	G.M.S.	GENERAL	29/11/1978
10	LUCILLE	GULF	LOADING UREA	3/12/1978
11	BRUNHORN	KANOO	BENTONITE	3/12/1978
14	SERIA	KANOO	GENERAL	4/12/1978
15	CHASTINE MAERSK	KANOO	GEN/CONT.	4/12/1978
16	JADE BAY	SOEASIA	GENERAL	4/12/1978
17	ASIA EBHO	GULF	GENERAL	3/12/1978
18	KATORI	A.R.T.	C. CEMENT	29/11/1978
20	KASHI MARU	ALGOSABH	C. CEMENT	28/11/1978
21	KOBE KORE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	19/10/1978
22	OAKLAND	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	4/12/1978
25	HAN GARAM	O.C.B.	GENERAL	2/12/1978
28	HUAL TROTTER	KANOO	AUTO MOBILES	4/12/1978
S C P				
	ELSE KILDE	KANOO	GENERAL	12/10/1978
Vessels Working at Anchorage				
	PRIMAVERA	S M C	BULK CEMENT	23/11/1978
Recent Arrivals				
	RIGOLETTO	ALGOSABH	AUTOMOBILES	3/12/1978
	CHASTINE MAERSK	KANOO	GEN. CONTRS	4/12/1978
	JADE BAY	SOEASIA	GENERAL	4/12/1978
	SEATRAN	ALQURASHI	CONTAINERS	4 12 1978
	WESTPOINT	KANOO	GENERAL	4 12 1978
	SERIA	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	4 12 1978
	OAKLAND	KANOO	AUTOMOBILES	4 12 1978
	HUAL TROTTER	GULF	TEA IN CASES	5/12/1978
	SAN GEORGE		GENERAL	
	BRUN HORN	KANOO	BENTONITE	5/12/1978
Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours				
	NEDLLOYD ELBE	KANOO		
	STARALDEBRAN	KANOO		
	ROSE EVERETT	ORRI		
	YONG JIN	ALGOSABH		
	ALSALIMIAH	KANOO		

TONNAGE DISCHARGED : 5,833

WAITING TIME : NIL

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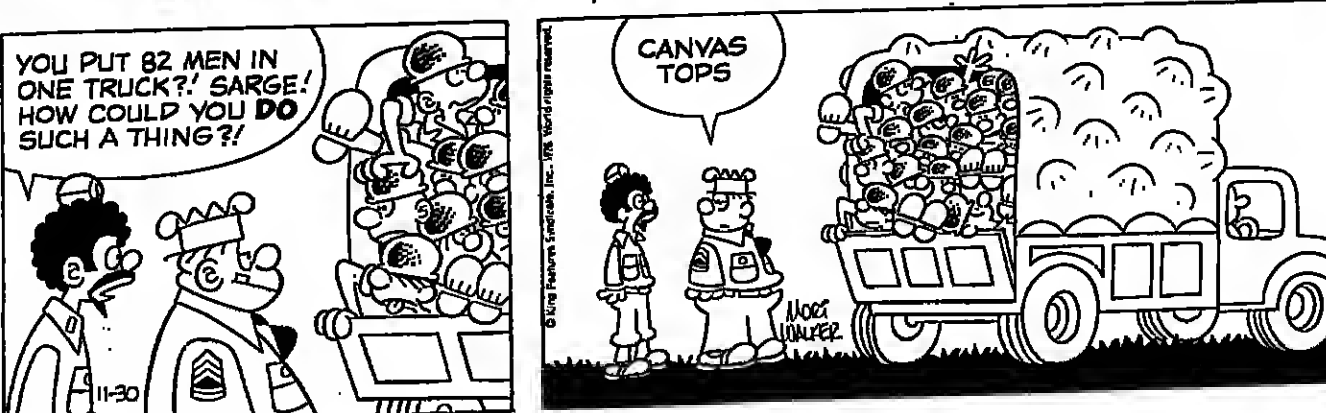
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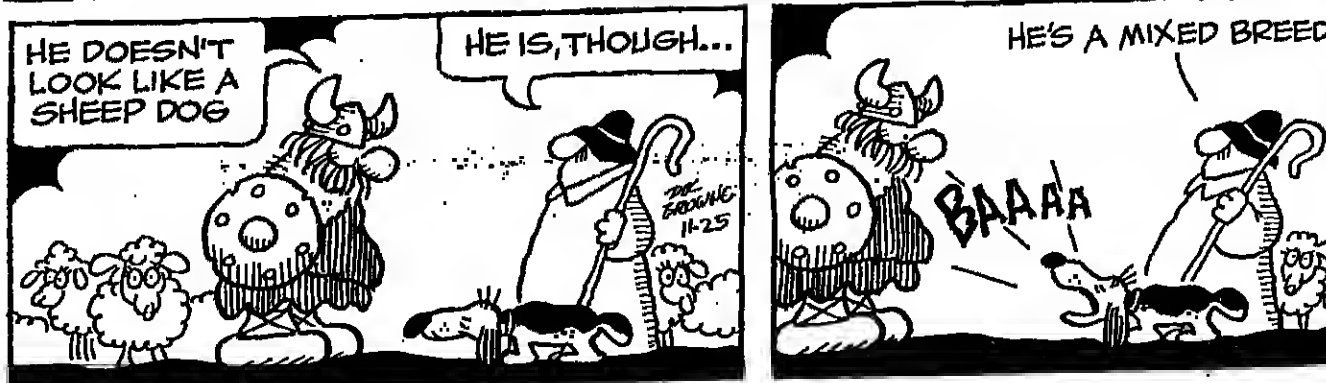
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HAGAR



WIZARD



Dennis the Menace



"I'M WONDERIN' WHAT THAT CRASH WAS TOO... BUT AROUND HERE IT DON'T ALWAYS PAY TO BE THE FIRST ONE ON THE SCENE."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 How funny! 1 "It - Be You"

5 Gene to - 2 Pianist, Clam -

11 Region 3 Sad

12 Wandering 4 Old Dutch

13 Small drink 5 Spanish

14 Medium's 6 money

15 Paving 7 Increased

16 Lipstick 8 Memorable

17 Catchal 9 Park

18 Vent 10 delicacy

20 Palindromic 11 Becham

21 Horror 12 Unwavering

22 Underst 13 Trust

23 Request 14 Shakespear-

24 Wherry 15 an king

25 Late 16 Grandpa

26 Walton 17 Revolve

27 Turnmer 18 Turmeric

28 Authorize 19 Spelled

29 Neschian 20 child

30 Support 21 Followed

31 Teen's 22 problem

32 Overlook 23 Triplet, e.g.

33 Veto 24 "Ten Gio-

34 vanni" role

DOWN

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58 "Ten Gio-

59 vanni" role

60 "Ten Gio-

61 vanni" role

62 "Ten Gio-

63 vanni" role

64 "Ten Gio-

65 vanni" role

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

The King Can Do No Wrong

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7 5 4

♥ A J 10 9 6

♦ 6 3

♣ 6 2

WEST

♠ J 6

♥ K 5 2

♦ Q 4 2

♣ Q J 10 8 3

EAST

♠ Q 10 3 2

♥ Q 8 4

♦ K 10 9 7

♣ A K 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 8

♥ 7 3

♦ A Q J 5

♣ A K 7 4

THE BIDDING:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 NT

Opening lead - queen of clubs.

Long experience is very helpful in bridge, but one of the dangers associated with many years of play is the adoption of a lethargic attitude toward commonplace situations.

Let's assume that declarer ducks the opening club lead and wins the club continuation with the king. He now plays a heart and, after West follows low, finesesses the nine.

If East wins the heart with the queen, South makes at least nine tricks. Whatever East returns, South sooner or later takes another heart.

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Tomorrow: Test your play.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

WEDNESDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:24	6:49	12:17	3:23	5:41	7:11
Medina	5:33	6:57	12:19	3:20	5:37	7:07
Nejd	4:57	6:26	11:46	2:47	5:04	6:34

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed
4:50 Jokers Wild	Hard Hat: Heavy
5:10 Wide World Of Sports	No. 506
6:02 Waltons	Acrobatic Water Ski
6:51 Wel. Bk Korter	The Big Brother
	One Of Our Sweathogs Is Missing
7:25 Safety Film	Take Notice
7:26 Police Woman	Death Game
8:16 That's My Mama	Cliffons: Big Move
8:41 Second Run	Baxter

WEATHER

Moderate weather in the western region with northerly to north westerly winds of moderate speed. Cloudy to partially cloudy in the northern region with possibility of rain. Foggy in the eastern and central regions with light winds and a slight rise in temperature. Sea conditions light to choppy.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)	30	22	Taif	27	10
Mecca	31	21	Nejran	31	09
Jeddah	29	15			
Riyadh	29	21	Tabuk	19	10
Dhahran	28	21	Abha	21	06
Medina	26	16			

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
	10:30 Selection of Music
2:45 Under the Limelight	11:00 World of Machines
2:55 Music	11:10 Press Review
3:00 NEWS	11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story
3:10 Press Review	11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians
3:15 Music	12:00 Islamic Contributions
3:20 Music-Machines	12:15 In the Quiet
3:30 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	12:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:30 Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses	11:00 Special English: News
8:30 Dateline	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 News Summary	
9:00 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	
9:30 News Summary	
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup	
10:30 Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8.09 "Twenty-Four Hours"	6.00 Radio Newsreel
8.15 News Summary	6.15 "Outlook"
8.30 "Sarah Ward"	7.00 World News
8.45 World Today	7.09 Commentary
9.00 Newswatch	7.15 "Sherlock Holmes"
9.30 "Opera Star"	7.45 World Today
10.00 World News	8.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	8.09 "Books and Writers"
10.15 News Summary	8.30 "Take One"
10.30 "Sarah Ward"	8.45 Sports Round-up
10.45 "Something to Show You"	9.00 World News
11.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
11.09 Reflections	9.15 Radio Newsreel
11.15 Piano Style	9.30 Farming World
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.00 World News	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.09 British Press Review	10.43 Look Ahead
12.15 World Today	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.30 Financial News	11.00 World News
12.40 Look Ahead	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
	Midnight Transmission
Evening Transmission	12.15 Talkabout
1.15 Ulster in Focus	12.45 Nature
1.30 Discovery	Nitehook
2.00 World News	1.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain	1.09 World Today
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curies	1.35 Financial News
2.30 Sports International	1.35 Book Choice
3.00 Radio Newsreel	1.40 Reflections
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.45 Sports Round-up
3.45 Sports Round-up	2.00 World News
4.00 World News	2.09 Commentary
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

Be cordial at work today, for as the day progresses others may seem ornery. Watch health, nerves, and careless remarks, but remain positive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov.

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All aboard walk out alive from Rockies storm crash

DENVER, Col. Dec. 5 (Agencies) — All 22 people aboard a small passenger plane survived a crash in a Rocky Mountain pass, a ground rescue team said Tuesday.

Sixteen people were reported injured and some were also suffering from frostbite. The plane, a twin-engine Otter, came down Monday night, apparently after running into a severe snow storm, on a flight from Steamboat Springs.

3 police die on eve of Spain referendum

MADRID, Dec. 5 (R)—Gunmen believed to be Basque separatists shot dead three policemen in San Sebastian Tuesday on the eve of the referendum on Spain's proposed new democratic constitution. While no one immediately claimed responsibility for the murders in the Basque city, they were thought the work of the Basque separatist organization ETA.

ETA terrorists have killed about 50 people in their campaign against the new constitution—spurred by the separatists because it would not give their region complete independence.

Indira candidate seems losing in Fatehpur vote

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (AP)—A candidate backed by Prime Minister Morarji Desai's Janata Party took an early lead in ballot-counting Tuesday for a special parliamentary election in the north Indian constituency of Fatehpur.

Liaquat Hussain, a Muslim, led Prem Dutt Tewari, a high-caste Hindu belonging to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's party, by 12,000 votes with more than one-third of the 280,000 ballots tabulated, the United News of India reported.

Search parties located the wreckage before dawn Tuesday after six survivors walked to a ranger station in the Colorado Rockies.

The six walked into a ranger station near Buffalo Pass, about 15 miles east of Steamboat Springs, according to a radio report received at a search command post.

Snowmobiles and four-wheel-

drive vehicles had carried searchers into blizzard-like conditions in the hunt for the plane.

The National Weather Service had issued a heavy snow warning for the search area. A foot or more of snow was predicted Tuesday, and temperatures were expected to plummet.

The plane took off at 6:30 p.m. Monday for what should have been a 55-minute flight across the Continental Divide to Denver. Aboard the plane, a de Havilland DHC-6 twin Otter, were the pilot and co-pilot, 19 adult passengers and a baby.

The search area was determined by signals from an emergency locator carried by the airliner and a broken power line in the countryside.

Alaska crash

At Anchorage International Airport in Alaska, Senator Ted Stevens, assistant minority leader of the Senate, was seriously hurt and his wife, Ann, was killed Monday when their chartered private plane crashed.

Stevens was in serious but stable condition at Providence Hospital's intensive care unit, the hospital said. He suffered possible head, arm and neck injuries.



TEHRAN: Protesters marched in the city's bazaar Tuesday. (See story, Page 1)

Vorster, Botha free of blame, Pretoria slush fund probe says

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 5 (R)—An inquiry into South Africa's "slush fund" scandal Tuesday castigated former Cabinet Minister Connie Mulder as incompetent and negligent, but cleared President John Vorster and Prime Minister Pieter Botha of blame.

It also said the activities of two former top civil servants, Eschel Rhoodie and his brother Denys, should be referred

to the attorney-general for possible criminal charges.

The report, by an inquiry commission headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus into allegations of widespread misuse of millions of dollars of secret government funds said "Mulder was negligent in giving Rhoodie—former secretary of the government's Information Department—virtually unlimited discretion in dealing with public money. This put the responsibility for misappropriation by Rhoodie squarely on Mulder's shoulders."

Mulder was information minister until his department was disbanded earlier this year amid allegations that it misused the secret funds.

Last month he resigned his new job as minister of plural (black) relations and quit the powerful post leading Transvaal Province National Party. His resignations came after he was named in evidence as having been involved in an Information Department project to set up a right-wing English-language newspaper, the "Citizen."

Parsee tells court of bankrolls that paid for contract on Scott

MINEHEAD, England, Dec. 5 (R)—A wealthy Parsee from Pakistan told in court Tuesday of handing over bundles of banknotes to a friend of politician Jeremy Thorpe, money which a prosecutor has alleged was used to pay a hired gunman in a murder plot.

Thorpe, 49, ex-leader of the Liberal Party, and three other men are before the Minehead magistrates accused of plotting to kill former male model Norman Scott.

The state alleges Thorpe

feared Scott's provoking a scandal and wished to silence him.

The prosecutor alleged that an airline pilot was hired for 10,000 sterling (\$20,000) to kill Scott but he only shot dead Scott's great Dane Rinka on a misty October night in 1975 in the hills above Minehead.

The state alleged that the contract money came unwittingly from a Bahamas-based millionaire and Liberal Party benefactor, Jack Hayward, who was asked by Thorpe in 1974 to make two pay-

ments of 10,000 pounds each to an account in the Channel Islands.

This account was operated by N. Dinshaw, the Parsee whose rich family live in Karachi but who is himself a Jersey resident.

The magistrates, who must decide whether the case warrants trial by judge and jury, Tuesday heard evidence from Dinshaw, who met Thorpe on an airport bus in 1969, became his friend and godfather of his son Rupert.

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Vance

part-Arab responsibilities. Meanwhile, Khalil arrived in Belgrade Tuesday from Bucharest to confer with President Tito of Yugoslavia on Egypt's position in the peace negotiations with Israel.

Yugoslavia has expressed very cautious support for the Egyptian-Israeli peace moves, generally welcoming any steps which could lead to a Mideast settlement, while calling for Israeli withdrawal from all Israeli-occupied territories and stressing the right of the Palestinian people to its own homeland.

Official sources said Khalil was due to have a brief meeting with President Tito later Tuesday night and discussions with Prime Minister Veselin Djuranovic before leaving Wednesday on the next leg of his foreign tour. This will take him to Vienna, London, Paris and Bonn.

Khalil visited Bucharest after his talks in Washington. In a separate development Egypt Tuesday condemned Israel for its "terrorist methods"

in the occupied West Bank and warned they posed a threat to peace and security in the Middle East.

An unusually harsh statement from the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said Israeli demolition of Palestinian homes in the West Bank directly contradicted current peace efforts. It warned Israel against further such acts.

Otaiba

on the results of the OPEC conference. Divergences in viewpoints were still existing," he said before leaving for Riyadh and Baghdad, the official Emirates News Agency said.

A Kuwaiti daily Tuesday reported a tendency among OPEC states to increase prices by five to eight per cent at the Abu Dhabi conference, instead of 10 percent, which was previously thought to be the minimum target for a fresh hike.

"As Siyassah" said in a dispatch from Riyadh that the 5-8 percent increase would be "gradual" and that the idea would be presented to OPEC members before the conference.

Drastic

that their activities are not only damaging to the government, but to the people as a whole."

Reliable sources reported the vast Khuzestan fields in southwest Iran were slowing down and that two of the offshore fields in the Gulf have "completely shut down."

Azhari said Khomaini was "a tool of the enemies of this country," but added the 78-year-old spiritual leader who is now in Paris, was welcome to return to his homeland "at any time — he would be treated like any other Iranian and would not be arrested if he behaved."

Meanwhile Americans in Iran have been warned by the U.S. Embassy that there have been rumors of further violence during Muharram and they should try to stay out of sight.

The embassy warning, made available to reporters by the State Department, says, "there have been a number of rumors concerning the possibility for violence during this period. The embassy has no information indicating direct action is planned against foreigners, but this is traditionally a time

when very discreet behavior is required by foreigners."

In Paris the French Foreign Ministry refused any comment Tuesday on the outcome of a meeting Monday in which a senior official warned Khomaini against continued inflammatory statements.

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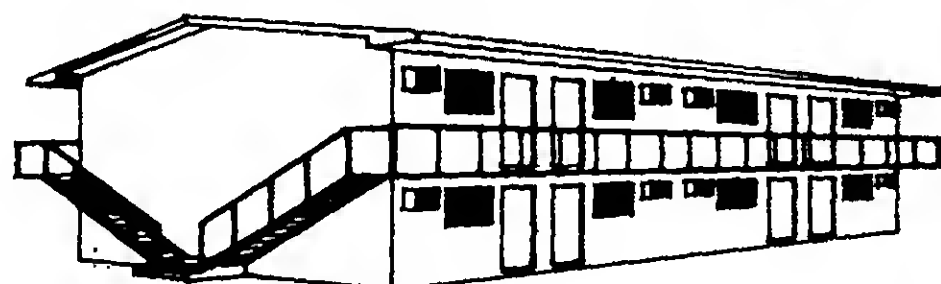
plenary session with the Saudi side. He said that the current Arab situation and bilateral relations were discussed during the meeting which was characterized by a "fraternal spirit."

During the meetings Sheikh Saad summoned his oil minister from Kuwait for talks with Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, his Saudi counterpart on coordinating the stand of the two countries at the OPEC ministerial meeting due to convene in Abu Dhabi on Dec. 16.

Sheikh Saad later called on King Khaled to bid him farewell. He arrived in Jeddah Tuesday morning on his way to Medina to perform the umra in Mecca. He returned to Jeddah in the evening where Prince Fawaz, the governor of Mecca, held a dinner banquet in his honor.

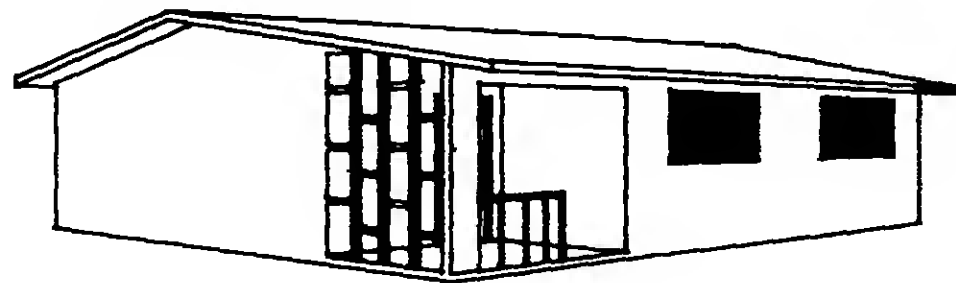
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